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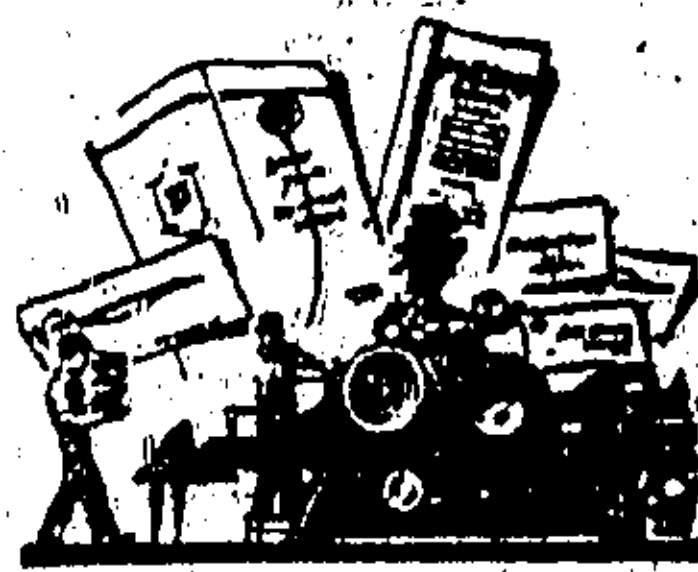
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(Standard Time of the 120th Meridian East of Greenwich.)

Date	Sunrise a.m.	Sunset p.m.
January 27	7.04	6.08

27	7.04	6.01
28	7.04	6.01
29	7.04	6.10

WEATHER FORECAST

N. winds, fresh; fine the fore
cast for the twenty-four hours
ending at noon to-morrow.

Pressure is nearly stationary from Indo-China to Formosa. I was decreased slightly in other districts. The anticyclone has weakened slightly and is now centered over the Yangtze Valley.

Meteorological observations at 8 a.m. to-day were as follows:--barometer, 30.20; temperature 49; humidity 52; wind N; force 1; weather overcast.

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CHINESE CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION.

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F. HAYLEY BELL, Commissioner of Chinese Customs, Kowloon and District, York Buildings, Hong Kong, 26th January, 1927.

HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

ENTRIES CLOSE NEXT SATURDAY, 29th January, 1927. Hong Kong, 26th January, 1927.

NAVY CONTRACTS, 1927—1928.

SEALED TENDERS, in Duplicate, for the Supply of the undermentioned Stores for H.M. NAVAL SERVICE at Hong Kong during the period 1st April, 1927, to 31st March, 1928 will be received by the Commander, H.M. NAVAL YARD, until Noon on Monday, the 14th February, 1927:—

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H.M. Naval Depot, Kowloon, January, 1927.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD. on THURSDAY, 27th January, 1927, at noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1926.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, 14th January to THURSDAY, 27th January, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

L. S. GREENHILL, Secretary.

Hong Kong, 6th January, 1927.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE TWENTY-NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD. on FRIDAY, the 28th January, 1927, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1926.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 18th January, 1927, to FRIDAY, the 28th January, 1927, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

F. H. CRAPNELL, Acting Secretary.

Hong Kong, January 11th 1927.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of Messrs. DODWELL & CO., Limited, on MONDAY, the 31st January, 1927, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1926.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from the 24th to 31st January, 1927, both dates inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD., General Managers.

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BELLIOS GIRLS.

ANNUAL PRIZE DAY AND REPORT.

SCHOOL YEAR'S REVIEW.

The distribution of prizes was held by Bellios Public School for Girls, yesterday, at Queen's College. The prizes were distributed by Mr. A. E. Wood, Director of Education, while there were also present Mr. Yu Wan and Mr. Y. P. Law, Inspector of Vernacular Schools.

The Headmistress, Miss H. F. Skinner, read her report on the year's work, and this was repeated in Chinese by Miss Hung.

The Director of Education then presented the prizes, which included the awards on the results of the University Senior and Junior Local examinations, the Government free scholarships, the English and Chinese class prizes, and certificates for First Aid and Home Nursing.

Mr. Wood then spoke to the school in Cantonese, and the proceedings ended with a vote of thanks to him proposed by Miss Lewis.

Donors to Prize Fund.

Grateful thanks are due on behalf of the School to those who subscribed to the prize fund, and the opportunity is taken here to offer them to the following:—Mr. J. T. Bagram, Mr. A. H. Barlow, Messrs. Bradley & Co., Ltd., Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, Mr. Chau Siu-lum, Mr. T. N. Chau, Messrs. Douglas, Laprak & Co., Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co., Ltd., Messrs. Hughes & Hough, Ltd., Mr. Ho Kong-tung, Mr. Ho Leung, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. Lu Kue-un, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Messrs. Johnson, Stokes & Master, Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., Mr. Lo Chung-kue, Mr. Mok Kong-sang, Messrs. David Sassoon & Co., Ltd., Messrs. Shaw, Tomes & Co., Messrs. Tak Cheong, Mr. Yeung Tse-wan.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The annual report for 1926 was presented as follows:—

Staff.

In 1926 the staff had been reduced by four, owing to the transference of Miss Newsholme and the resignations of Miss Jenkins, Miss Li Po-yuk and Miss May Hung.

In 1926 the staff was further reduced by five. Miss Munro, after a serious illness, has now gone home on leave. Mrs. Ng and Mrs. Wei resigned for reasons of health and Miss Fok and Miss To were transferred to King's College.

Attendance.

The attendance during 1926 was satisfactory, the average daily attendance being 492 and it is gratifying to be able to report that the dwindling in numbers during the course of the year, so noticeable in the past was much less pronounced. One class, 7c, had exactly the same numbers and names on the roll at the beginning of December as at the beginning of January, which, for B.P.S. is an achievement, but which, it is hoped, will shortly be looked upon as the normal and not the exceptional condition throughout the school.

Request to Parents.

I would here urge parents not to withdraw their daughters from the school during the year. The time for a girl to leave is at the close of the school year, in December. It has been found that premature withdrawals are very unsettling to the school, and sight must not be lost of the fact that a girl who fails to complete a session is indirectly responsible for depriving another of admission, as entries are not encouraged after the work of the year has begun.

The accommodation of the school is taxed to the utmost; each year applicants are perforce refused admission. This year one hundred and forty-six applications had to be refused. It is to be regretted, therefore, that a girl should enter upon the school year without the intention of remaining until the end of it.

Health.

The health of the school remains good. In October Dr. Minnett, the Medical Officer of Schools, medically examined 169 entrants. The report on eyes and teeth was not satisfactory; out of the number examined there were fifty defects, mainly eyesight.

Studies.

Since the last report was submitted several changes of a progressive nature have been introduced, the chief being the extension of the study of English to the lower classes of the school.

In January, 1926, the Remove Class, which had previously had studies in the ratio of three hours Chinese to two of English, was included amongst the English classes, and the hours were changed to one and four respectively.

In this way pupils are afforded an opportunity of reaching the standard of English required for the Junior Local in the remaining four years.

Change Proves a Success.

This change has proved a success and has been appreciated by the girls. It is now possible to carry the English teaching down two years further; two divisions of Class 7 and one division of Class 8 now learning English in the ratio of three to six.

An important result of this change is that girls are encouraged to pass from Class 7 to the senior school, and to pursue their studies up to the standard of the University Locals.

Domestic Science Introduced.

In 1925 the subject of Hygiene was introduced by means of informal health talks into the curriculum of the school. In the lower classes these are given in Chinese, in the English junior classes they form the subject of colloquial lessons and in the senior classes the subject is treated formally as Domestic Science.

In 1926 Domestic Science replaced Needlework as a subject for the Senior and Junior Locals. Needlework is taught five years in the junior and four years in the senior school; it was therefore felt that it could be well discontinued in favour of a wider and more generally useful subject.

The old cookery kitchen was small and inadequate, and it was found possible last year to fit out as kitchen a more suitable room.

Girls Made Responsible.

The subject of Housewifery has recently been introduced, and although it has not yet been possible to set apart a room for this purpose, it is hoped that certain structural alterations will render it possible to allocate the room above the kitchen to the service of this new and important branch.

The girls are responsible for the entire cleanliness and freshness of the place, the washing of paint, curtains, cleaning of windows, polishing of floors and care of plants in the cookery compound. Laundry work is also included in the Housewifery course.

Benefit of Drill.

Another innovation during 1926 was Drill. Mrs. Atwell was appointed to the staff in September for physical culture. This subject was quite new to the girls; we were therefore rather apprehensive as to the reception it would be given, but were quickly reassured as the girls showed their enjoyment from the first, and its beneficial results soon became apparent.

It is noticeable that the games with which the lessons close tend to promote a larger measure of free play amongst the pupils during the hours of recess and it may generally be said that the deportment of the girls has distinctly improved.

Library.

A small room has been arranged as a library and a study for the senior pupils.

General School Activities. The Victoria Nursing Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade still continues to be a very live interest in the school. Dr. Minnett lectured during the year on First Aid and Home Nursing; in October fourteen candidates were examined by Dr. Hickling and all passed. Members attended two parades in 1926, one on the occasion of H.E. the Governor's inspection and the other on the investiture of His Excellency by H.R.H. Prince George.

Pupils have expressed a wish that the school should become identified with the Girl Guide movement, and three members of the staff together with two former pupils are trainees as officers with this end in view.

School Magazine Coming.

It is hoped that patrols will be formed in March and the school is grateful to Mrs. Remington for the help she is giving.

An Old Girls' Association has recently been formed. This new manifestation of esprit de corps is most welcome, and the work Miss Lewis has done in connection with the association is much appreciated.

Yet a further departure is the founding of a school magazine, which will be produced twice yearly; the first number is to appear in June. This new venture is in the capable hands of Miss Hughes.

Harmonious Atmosphere.

In conclusion I desire to place on record my appreciation of the harmonious atmosphere which has existed during the period under review.

I cannot speak too warmly of the loyalty of all branches of the staff, and of the support extended to me throughout the year. Such whole-hearted co-operation has considerably lightened the work of administration, and I feel constrained to tender my thanks to all concerned.

In the afternoon the students gave a Chinese play "The Countess" at Queen's College Hall. The various parts were taken by Misses Liu Oi-chok, Tse Tong-tai, Ho Shu-ling, Cheung Yuk-chan, Hui Wai-tsun, Fung Mui-tung, Kwok Kit-ming, Kwok Shu-ying, Wong Lai-wan, Li Sau-jong and Sung Ngan-lui.

AFTER 14 YEARS.

RETIRING GIRLS' SCHOOL HEADMISTRESS.

MISS MIDDLETON SMITH.

References to the impending departure of Miss Middleton Smith (Headmistress) after fourteen years' office with the School was made at the annual speech day and distribution of Cups and Certificates yesterday of St. Stephen's Girls' College (the report and prizes were recorded yesterday).

Lady Clementi, who made the awards, paid a tribute to the work of the retiring Headmistress. It was often difficult to see the tangible results of work generally, but she thought that Miss Middleton Smith could already see outward and visible signs of her work with the College.

Lady Clementi also congratulated the School on raising \$4,000, for worthy charitable efforts, particularly as it had been done in times when the Colony was passing through difficulties.

Mr. W. W. Rennie, C.I.E., Vice-Chancellor of the University also referred to the engraving services given by Miss Middleton Smith. On this her fifteenth speech day she offered her assurance that she had not laboured in vain. She was leaving behind her a monument of patient endeavour and loving devotion.

Addressing the students, Mr. Rennie said that the did not expect them to go out into the world as propagandists of Great Britain but they did expect them to carry into the several spheres into which they would pass some of the spirit of affection and service which had surrounded them here.

After paying another tribute to the work of the Headmistress, Dr. S. W. T'sao called for three cheers for Lady Clementi and another three for Miss Middleton Smith, these being heartily given.

"TAMAR" DANCE.

600 GUESTS ENTERTAINED LAST NIGHT.

CONTINUOUS PROGRAMME.

An enjoyable time was spent by nearly 600 guests last night on H.M.S. "Tamar," the occasion being the annual dance held by the Commanding and Ward Room Officers.

H.E. the Governor was unable, as expected, to attend, neither was Vice Admiral Tyrwhitt who is away in Canton. Among the visitors were Lady Clementi, Lady and Miss Tyrwhitt, Mrs. Nichol, Major General, Mrs. and Miss Luard and Mrs. Johnston, the Lady Jane Grey, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Shields, the Consul General of the United States of America, the Japanese Consuls, the Captains and Officers of H. M. Ships present, and of the Dockyard and Naval Hospital; the Officers of the General Staff, Officers Commanding and Officers of Battalions and Units; Commodore Ferraz, C. M. G. of the Republic; Captain and Officers of the U. S. S. Helena, Lieutenant de Vaisseau G. R. Duc of the Vigilante and the principal residents of Hong Kong.

The decorative scheme was most effective. The upper deck was converted into the ball-room and here the prevailing colour scheme was red and white with the Brunswick Studio and "Titania" orchestras occupying the centre space on a raised dais. The effect of national flag drapings was enhanced by coloured Chinese lanterns and suspended baskets of flowers.

Everything possible was provided for the comfort of the guests, cosy nooks being fitted out as card rooms and sitting-out places and the main deck as supper-buffet and smoke room.

An innovation was the introduction of a continuous dance programme made possible by the alternate use of the two orchestras. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

HONGKONG HOTEL VISITORS.

January 25, 1927.

Mr. C. F. Anderson, Mrs. Sylvia de Acuna, Mr. F. Bumann, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bolland, Messrs. Ward, Clement, H. R. Cross, R. L. Devoud, J. M. Dalgarno, W. A. Dowley, G. H. Evans, A. F. Henry, W. Hagen, F. H. Hill, Capt. T. P. Hall, Messrs. B. B. Jones, H. A. Keller, W. Lythgoe, Lo Hui-cheong, K. C. Loo, Miss H. L. Ma, Mrs. J. Massabury, Messrs. D. MacLeod, L. E. Nantz, F. J. O'Brien, H. D. Orr, F. S. Odum, Miss M. E. Pipkin, Messrs. A. W. Pfor, H. Pearman, Mrs. H. T. Roberts, Mrs. Stuhlman, Mr. and Mrs. O. Sowle, Mr. R. E. Thibaud, Mr. and Mrs. de Villiers, Miss Villiers, Messrs. S. Vulaat, G. Wrogge, W. Wier.

Moscow reports the execution of the alleged agent-provocateur Plotnikov at Tomsk. According to the London "Times" the Soviet tribunal at Irkutsk condemned six officials to death for discrediting the Soviet Government.

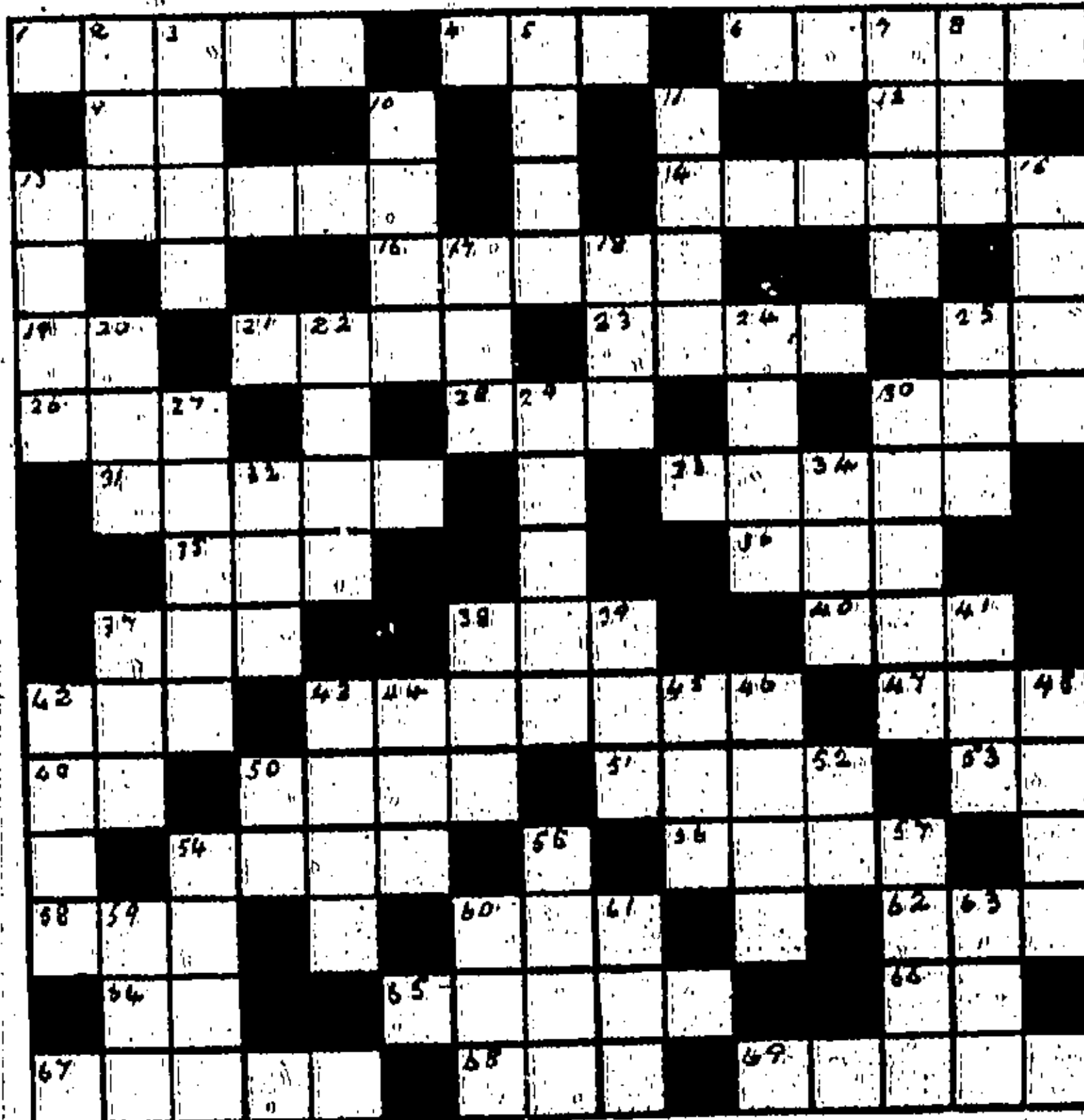
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9. The Editor's decision will be final and binding in all matters of dispute, and he reserves the right to enter into Correspondence regarding the Competition.
10. Solutions will be published with the results, in this paper, every Thursday following the Closing Date.
11. Coupons will be kept for four days after the results of the competition have been published.
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13. No member of the staff of the "China Mail" will be allowed to compete.
14. Solutions are held under sealed cover and in no way will be opened until the close of the competition.



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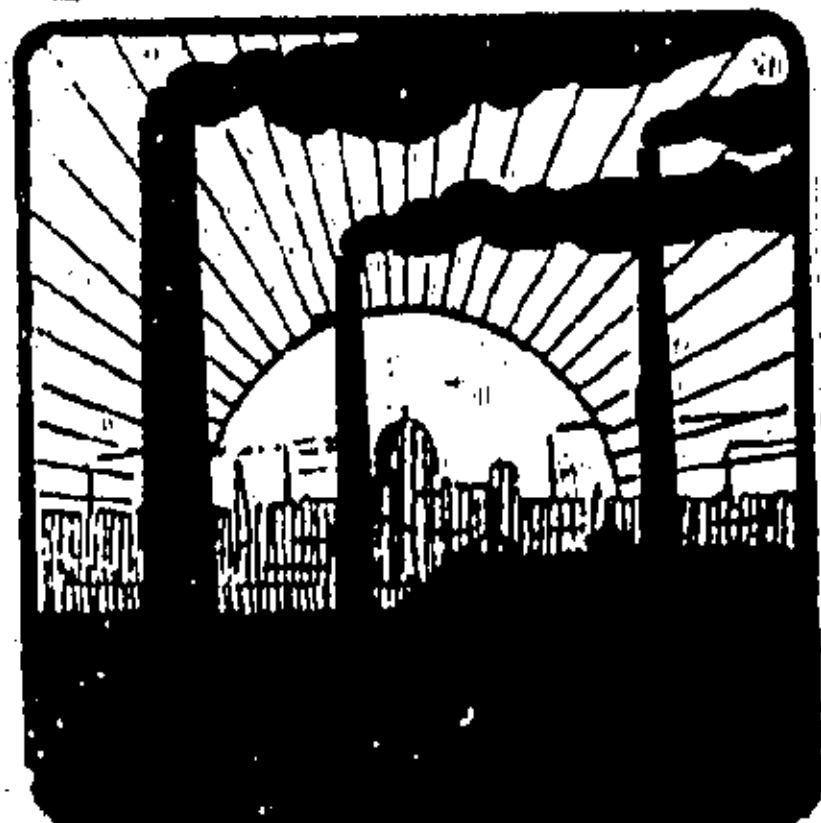
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BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.
BORNEO MARU Friday, 4th February.
JUNDO MARU Tuesday, 15th February.
DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.
PANAMA MARU Wednesday, 23rd February.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Rangoon.
TACOMA MARU Friday, 25th February.
BANGKOK—Via Saigon.
SEKKOW MARU Saturday, 5th February.
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LONDON MARU (From Shanghai) Thursday, 27th January.
HAIKONG—Via HOIHOW & PAKHOI.
MENADO MARU Thursday, 24th February.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco and Panama.
HAWAII MARU (From Shanghai) Thursday, 10th February.
JAPAN PORTS.
BATAVIA MARU Friday, 28th January.
ALASKA MARU Saturday, 12th February.
KEELUNG Via SWATOW & AMOY.
HOJAN MARU Sunday, 30th Jan., 10 a.m.
KAJO MARU Sunday, 6th February, 10 a.m.
TAKAO Via SWATOW & AMOY.
KOTSU MARU Thursday, 10th February, 8 a.m.
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BATAVIA MARU Saturday, 29th January.
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SHIPPING SECTION.

LINER DRY DOCKED.

SIX TUGS FOR A BIG TASK.

Extensive preparations had to be made for the dry docking of the "Mauretania," which was successfully carried out at Liverpool. On account of the size of the Cunarder no fewer than 1,200 graving blocks had to be laid in order to make a good bed for the liner to rest upon, while tons of other tackle had to be placed in position. After the dock had been flooded to a depth of about 32ft., representing over 100,000 tons of water, the "Mauretania" was slowly brought into position. The assistance of 200 men and six powerful tugs was required for the docking. Within four hours the "Mauretania" was safely resting on the blocks, and as the water was being slowly pumped out a number of men in a small fleet of pontoons were engaged in scrubbing and scraping her keel plates. The "Mauretania" was to remain in dry dock for about ten days, and during that time one of her four propellers, weighing eighteen tons, was to be renewed.

RESCUE AT SEA.

ITALIAN LINER IN VIOLENT STORM.

Rome. — The liner "Roma" reached Naples with the officers and crew, consisting of twenty-six men, rescued on Dec. 17, from the Italian sailing ship "Guarnieri," which was abandoned in the Atlantic, several hundred miles from Gibraltar. The "Roma" left New York on Dec. 12 and for the next four days was in the midst of the storm which followed the American blizzard. When within two days of Gibraltar she received a call from the "Guarnieri" in distress which afterwards received other help. Some time later about eleven o'clock in the morning the "Roma" received another call for help, this time from the Italian ship "Guarnieri" with a cargo of marble for Rio. She was 150 miles away, and the captain of the "Roma" wired back encouraging the captain and crew of the "Guarnieri" to await rescue. The ship was found at eight o'clock in the evening, and in the midst of a violent storm which still continued, the operation of rescuing the officers and men was carried out safely. It took three hours for the "Roma's" lifeboat to approach the sinking vessel and bring the men safely aboard the liner.

MARINE ENGINEERING

A REVIEW OF RECENT PROGRESS.

In his presidential address to the Junior Institution of Engineers Vice-Admiral Sir Robert Dixon reviewed recent progress in marine engineering with particular reference to naval practice. Sir Robert divided his review under the headings of consideration of naval design, oil fuel, mechanical gearing, alternative systems of power transmission, superheated steam, water-tube boilers, increased steam pressure, auxiliary machinery, oil engines, and the low-temperature distillation of coal. In his conclusions he indicated problems which arise whether developments are intended for naval or commercial work. What was required, consistent with the maintenance of proper standards of reliability, was improved fuel economy and durability, and these improvements should be realised on a lighter machinery weight and at smaller first cost. The designer's underlying aim was accordingly much the same in either case, and expressed in a few words, was the application of material and of human effort employed in the construction of the machine to the fullest advantage. Nature was chary of disclosing her secrets, and it was evident that each further step would lead to problems of still greater complexity, and judged by past standards, out of all proportion to the degree of advance contemplated. Hence it followed that the stages of development in future would be more strongly marked by the need for close specialisation, and the net of the designer must be cast even wider to gather for his needs the specialist work of investigators outside the immediate sphere of the practical engineer.

PASSENGER LIST.

ARRIVALS.

Among the passengers who arrived at Hong Kong from Seattle and Shanghai by the "President Jackson" on Jan. 26, were:—Mr. D. N. Assomull, Mr. J. A. Butlin, Mr. Chin Kwong-yan, Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Hall, Miss L. K. Hanna, Capt. J. Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Sydney S. Harcourt, Mr. A. C. Macdonell, Mr. S. Mayejima, Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Motz, Mr. H. H. Muelen, Mrs. A. P. Nazari, Miss A. Helen Peterson, Mr. C. R. Powrie, Mr. C. B. Shank, Mr. G. H. Shank, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Simmons, Mr. W. Stead, Mr. J. Joseph, Mr. Rufus Knapp, Miss J. Knapp Lester, Dr. I. Harris Levy, Mr. R. J. Turnbull, Mrs. J. D. Watt, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Weeks, Miss A. M. Wheeler, Dr. and Mrs. F. J. Williams.

DEPARTURE.

Passengers who sailed from Hong Kong on "Empress of Canada" for Shanghai and Vancouver on Jan. 26, were:—Mr. F. G. Allison, Mr. D. J. Albinsky, Mr. V. Artino, Mr. Acinto, Mr. F. V. Aravina, Mrs. A. Ambrose, Subadar Argan Singh, Subadar Hassan Ali, Mr. N. Baron-tini, Mr. D. Bellotti, Mr. J. Barto, Mr. A. Belletti, Mr. G. Bigardi, Mr. V. R. Baslim, Mr. H. Burgess, Major R. D. Bennett, M.C., Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Campbell, Mr. Cheng Yung-tong, Mr. P. N. Chan, Mr. K. Y. Chow, Capt. and Mrs. E. W. Cowan, Mr. Comelli, Mr. S. Galeto, Mrs. G. E. Coburn, Mrs. Chang Suey, Mr. B. Chang Suey, Miss F. Chang Suey, Mr. Damarashi, Miss V. Dodd, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. T. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Van Erpecum, Mr. S. Fuks, Miss I. Frediana, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Gillespie, Mr. Goo Toy, Mrs. F. D. Goddard, Miss B. Goddard, Hon. J. Gabeldon, Admiral C. C. Hsu, Mr. C. W. Hsu, Capt. T. M. Hunt, Mr. T. Haslett, Mr. Ho Yee-yut, Mrs. J. Harrop, Miss E. Harrop, Mr. L. S. Ho, Mr. Edmanson, Mr. S. J. Ray, Mr. A. M. Duff, Mr. D. H. Hugband, Capt. and Mrs. A. J. Holland, Jumadar Jagat Singh, Lt. C. V. King, Mr. E. T. Korch, Mr. Koo Gin-chee, Jumadar Abbas Khan, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lindgren, Mr. H. Ling, Mr. T. V. Lisner, Mr. T. B. Lerzerovich, Mr. Lau Chin-fan, Mrs. Lau Chan Shi, Miss M. Yung Lau, Miss M. Y. Lau, Miss M. C. Lau, Mrs. Lau Yung Shi, Mr. Lee Chou-ham, Mr. C. Lee, Mr. H. P. Lowe, Mrs. Liang, Mrs. M. G. S. Liang, Mr. D. Lee, Mr. J. Macri, Mr. E. N. Maltzoff, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Miner, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. MacLeod, Mrs. J. G. McNab, Miss M. McNab, Count Antonio Meliam, Mr. Ng Yan-ye, Sub. Asst. Surgeon Sham Bhear Nath, Mr. L. V. Ovechunoff, Capt. M. G. O'Leary, Mr. A. L. Pokropivny, Mr. R. F. S. Poolitoff, Mr. A. Pluscuma, Mr. H. J. Pearce, Miss B. de Paul, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. G. Peabody, Mr. V. Rekoschi, Mr. A. M. Reider, Mr. A. Raczuska, Jumadar Deli Ram, Major T. S. M. Smith, Mr. Shum Jung-hung, Mr. A. L. Shimansky, Mrs. D. Serviscina, Mr. Sergeeva, Mr. T. F. Sulnoff, Mr. O. Sunocent, Mr. P. Scarrone, Miss C. Scarrone, Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Stalker, Mr. and Mrs. F. Soutar, Mr. Terec, Mr. A. Taboy, Mr. S. F. Tan, Mr. W. W. Telford, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Wu, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Wong, Mr. C. S. Wong, Mr. L. Willett, Mr. S. C. Young, Mrs. Yoh, Miss Yeh, Mr. O. J. Zervava, Mr. R. R. Roxburgh, Miss Search, Miss Hunt, Mr. O. J. Todd, Mrs. P. Prohme, Mr. O. David, Mrs. M. Gandall.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" from Hong Kong on Jan. 6, arrived at Vancouver on Jan. 24. The B. I. s.s. "Talma" left Singapore for this port on Jan. 21 a.m., and is due here to-day, p.m.
The Ben Line s.s. "Benlawers" from Leith, Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London, Straits and Philippines, is due to arrive here to-morrow.

A Madrid message states that the rise in freight rates has encouraged speculation in the maritime transport business, and the formation of several new shipping companies is being discussed at Bilbao.

The unexpected death of Mr. R. S. Allen, managing director of John Dry Steam Tugs, Ltd., Newcastle and South Shields, at the early age of 46, caused considerable regret on Tyneside, where he was well-known in business and sporting circles.

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CHANGING SHORES.

SEA'S INROADS ON ENGLISH COAST.

The sea has robbed England of land to a depth of 800 feet between Gorleston and Lowestoft alone during the last 50 years, an official of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries told a reporter. He said: Between Cromer and Mundesley on the Norfolk coast erosion is going on at the rate of 14 feet a year. It is computed that Yorkshire is losing land all along the coast from south of Scarborough to Spurn Head at the rate of 9 feet a year.

The ravages of the sea are also becoming increasingly noticeable in the vicinity of Rye Harbour, Eastbourne, Bexhill, St. Leonards, and Hastings.

Probably most of the material washed away from the area between Eastbourne and Hastings travels eastwards and is deposited at Rye Harbour and ultimately at Dungeness.

If no precautions were taken history in the course of time would repeat itself and not a few towns and villages would join those that now lie under the sea.

Only a very small part of the coast lashed by the sea is deposited in other places on England's coastline. A great deal of it goes to form low-lying beaches.

There is at present no authority to prevent owners of coast-land from allowing it should it be considered not worth saving—to be swallowed up by the sea. The Board of Trade has prepared a Bill for coast protection, but the Cabinet has not yet decided when it shall come before Parliament.

LUCKY ESCAPE.

AUSTRALIAN LINER HITS SUBMARINE.

Honolulu, Jan. 23.
The Union Company's motor ship "Aorangi" (17,491 tons), while in harbour here to-day on her way to Sydney, backed into the American submarine R5, and then glanced off, smashing completely through the quarantine pier, and wrecking the sheds.

The damage is estimated at \$5,000.

The "Aorangi," which was in charge of the harbour pilot at the time, was not damaged, and proceeded on her voyage according to schedule.

The largest whaling ship in the world, the "Nielsen Alonso," of 17,000 tons, and with a speed of 11 knots is leaving Hobart for the Antarctic on an extensive whaling expedition. The mother ship will be accompanied by numerous whalers, comprising a large fleet.

At Newcastle Police Court, the Oil Tank Steamship Co. of Liverpool, were charged with a breach of the Oil in Navigable Waters Act, 1922, by allowing oil to run into the River Tyne from the steamer "Hermione" on the night of October 4. Defendants were fined \$50.

Alderman E. M. Dyer, the chairman of the Bristol Docks Committee, has been elected as Bristol's new Lord Mayor. It is hoped that the new dock extension at the eastern arm of the Royal Edward Dock, will be completed and opened during his term of office.

CANADIAN PACIFIC

QUICKEST TIME ACROSS THE PACIFIC.
TO VICTORIA & VANCOUVER.

STEAMERS	SAILINGS 1927.				
	H'Kong	Shanghai	Kobe	Yokohama	V'vancouver
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Leave Feb. 18	Leave Feb. 19	Leave Feb. 22	Leave Feb. 25	Arrive Mar. 6
EMPERESS OF ASIA	Mar. 9	Mar. 12	Mar. 15	Mar. 18	Mar. 27
EMPERESS OF CANADA	Mar. 30	Apr. 2	Apr. 5	Apr. 8	Apr. 17
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Apr. 20	Apr. 23	Apr. 26	Apr. 29	May 8
EMPERESS OF ASIA	May 11	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 29
EMPERESS OF CANADA	June 1	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 19
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	June 22	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 10
EMPERESS OF ASIA	July 11	July 14	July 17	July 20	July 31

(E/Asia & E/Russia call Nagasaki day after departure from Shanghai)

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The first class fare from London to Buenos Aires will be £14 below the first-class mail rates at present and £18 below the first-class mail rates of the principal German liner company sailing. The rates work out at a fraction over 2d. a mile.

The boats of the Ostend-Dover service carried 292,091 passengers up to the end of October this year. In 1913, the best year before the war, the number of passengers was 238,592.

Expressing regret at the Bethnal-green guardians' decision not to allow any boys under their control to join any of his Majesty's Forces, Mr. Chamberlain in the House of Commons said that he had no power to intervene in such cases.

Last October 688 vessels with 740,542 tons entered Bremen Harbour and 674 vessels with 733,258 tons cleared, as against 457 vessels with 562,503 tons entered and 497 vessels with 552,211 tons cleared in October, 1925. The traffic during October showed an increase of 36.6 per cent. compared with October, 1925.

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MOREA	9,918	5th Feb.	Marseilles and London
KHIDDERPORE	5,331	13th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
DELTA	5,297	16th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
KALYAN	9,344	19th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
NELLORE	6,552	2nd March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
MANHUA	10,302	5th March	Marseilles and London
KASHIGAR	5,297	12th March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
NAGPORE	5,287	15th March	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
NYANZA	7,923	18th March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MONGOLIA	16,504	19th March	Marseilles and London
MACEDONIA	11,120	2nd April	Marseilles and London
KHYBER	9,114	5th April	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
DEVANHA	8,155	12th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
DELTA	5,297	15th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MAHWA	10,941	18th April	Marseilles and London
KALYAN	9,344	21st April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MOIRA	10,948	24th April	Marseilles and London
MANHUA	10,302	27th April	Marseilles and London
KASHMIR	5,297	30th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KALYAN	9,344	3rd May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MACEDONIA	11,120	6th May	Marseilles and London

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TILAWA	10,000	10th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
TALMA	10,000	11th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
SHIRALA	7,841	1st March	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

ARAFURA	6,000	24th Jan.	4 p.m.
TANDA	4,266	4th March	Manila, Sandakan, Hoio, Thursday
ST. ALBANS	4,500	1st April	Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney
ARAFURA	6,000	29th April	& Melbourne
TANDA	4,266	2nd June	
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TALMA	10,000	28th Jan.	Amoy, Moji and Kobe
MANHUA	10,302	4th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NELLORE	6,553	5th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
SHIRALA	7,841	7th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NAGPORE	5,293	9th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TANDA	4,266	10th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
MONGOLIA	16,504	18th Feb.	Shanghai & Kobe
NYANZA	7,923	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TAKIWA	10,000	18th Feb.	Kobe
MACEDONIA	11,120	4th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KHYBER	9,114	5th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
ST. ALBANS	4,500	8th March	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
DEVANHA	8,155	18th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
LAHORE	5,297	27th March	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MAHWA	10,941	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
DELTA	5,297	1st April	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
ARAFURA	6,000	5th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NELLORE	6,553	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KHIVA	9,135	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NYANZA	7,923	25th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
MOREA	10,953	29th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe

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PRIZE DAY.

ELLIS KADOOORIE SCHOOL
FOR INDIANS.

HEADMASTER'S REPORT.

Prior to Mr. A. et Arculli's
functioning at the annual prize
distribution to-day at the Ellis
Kadoorie School for Indians, Soc-
kumpoo, Mr. J. Ralston, M.A.,
F.R.C.S. (headmaster) presented
the report given below.

Mr. Arculli was introduced by
Mr. E. Ralston, Inspector of
English Schools, who referred to
the work Mr. Arculli's father had
done for the school when in its
infancy, remarking that Mr.
Arculli was following in his
father's footsteps.

Among those present were Mr.
and Mrs. A. R. Sutherland, Mrs.
J. Ralston, Dr. H. et Arculli and
Miss J. Arculli.

SUII BATTER-RECORD.

Mr. Arculli said that he was
present last year. He had
thought that it would be hard to
beat the fine record shown then,
but this year was even better and
he accordingly congratulated Mr.
Ralston, the staff and the boys.
Mr. Arculli mentioned that the
school started in rented rooms in
the city. The policy had been
to aim at quality rather than
quantity and this had told its
effect now as the maximum had
reached 112.

Every Indian boy in Hong
Kong went to the school, added
Mr. Arculli, and they had the
advantage of learning their own
language there.

In his annual report, Mr.
Ralston suggested a kindergarten
mistress in connection with the
phonetic system. This Mr. Arculli
endorsed as Indian boys went to
school earlier and had to be
taught pronunciation.

The headmaster's report fol-

lows:—

Attendance.

During the year ending Decem-
ber 31, 1926, the school was open-
ed on 255 days, a decrease as
compared with 1925, due to the
latter year being an augmented
one of 13 months. The maximum
enrolment increased by 5 to 112,
and the average percentage at-
tendance throughout the whole
year was the high figure of 97 per
cent.

Staff.

In June Mr. Abdullah returned
from India and replaced a Chinese
temporary master, who was
transferred to another district
school. Mr. Bishen Singh had his
leave in India extended owing to
ill health, and returned to his
duties here in July.

Buildings.

A small portion of the play-
ground has just recently been
covered in, a very much needed
improvement to the school build-
ing. It will now be possible for
all boys to vacate class rooms dur-
ing recess and tiffin even on very
wet or very sunny days.

For this year, the P.W.D. has
promised us the completion of a
modern sanitary system.

The long-suffering school gar-
den, like the rest of Hong Kong,
went through trying times dur-
ing the floods of last summer.
On three different occasions we
had to excavate our plots and beds
from underneath two feet of de-
composed granite washed from
the hill slopes behind. I trust the
new nullahs since made and the
turfing which has been done will
make a recurrence of the disaster
impossible.

Discipline.

The discipline throughout the
school has been exceptionally
good. No corporal punishment
has been administered in the
school for the last eight months.

Studies.

Once again in the open entrance
examination for entrance to
Queen's College, every boy in
Class 4 was successful; and in the
lower class 88 per cent. passed in
the annual examination set and
marked by the staff themselves.

During 1926, I am pleased to be
able to state that the general
neatness in all subjects has
greatly improved. This is bound
to react favourably on the ac-
tual subjects themselves.

Phonic Method.

After the summer holidays I
introduced the phonic method of
teaching reading in the infant
room, an innovation which has
met with very marked success.
The rate of progress is much
greater than under the old alpha-
betic method, with an almost un-
believable improvement in pro-
nunciation.

However, to take full advan-
tage of the new apparatus and
phonic primers which I have ob-
tained from Home, an English
teacher with previous experience
of the phonic system is a sine qua
non.

A half-time mistress for an
hour or two in the forenoon
would suffice.

Our new Urdu books arrived
from India early in the year, and
rapid and steady progress has
been made in every class under

the instruction of a new Urdu
master, supervised by Mr. Bishen
Singh. Dictation, Composition,
Grammar and Translation are
now integral parts of the Urdu
syllabus.

Governor's Appreciation.

H.E. the Governor, Sir Cecil
Clementi, visited the school in the
spring, and after visiting the
classes at their work he wrote in
the school log-book, "I inspected
this school to-day and was much
pleased with all I saw. The at-
tendance is excellent and the
school is beautifully situated."

Games.

Pingpong, football, cricket and
tennis are played by practically
all the boys, and nearly every
pupil in the school competed in
the various races at our annual
school sports held on December
27 on the I.R.C. ground.

For permission to use this ground at
any time I am very grateful to
the committee of the Club.
Several educational walks and
lunch picnics have been held, and
the masters and boys have on
these excursions gradually built
up a small but interesting col-
lection of sea-shells under the
supervision of Mr. Khan. On one
cutting last month, twenty boys
and two masters managed to
reach the summit of Tai Mo Shan.

Library.

The school library has been
used to a greater extent during
the year. I personally superin-
tend the issue of books, and have
added to the shelves a small num-
ber of books suitable for the very
youngest boys. It is remarkable
how keen some of them have be-
come on home reading, and I con-
sider that it is never too early to
inculcate a desire to read some-
thing more than is prescribed for
class work.

Health.

The health of the school has
been uniformly good throughout
the year, a fact borne out by the
extremely high percentage of at-
tendance. There may be many
causes for this improvement in
health; but I feel inclined to at-
tach some importance to the reg-
ular systematic drill lessons
which I started in 1925. In addi-
tion, swimming parties went
three times a week last summer
to the public beach at North
Point. Admission was free by
permission of the Government
and the visits were continued in
charge of masters during the
summer holidays.

Tribute to Staff.

I take this opportunity of
thanking all friends of the school
who assisted us financially to buy
these prizes on the table here,
and the mementoes which were
distributed at the annual sports.

Lastly, I offer my personal
thanks to my assistants on the
staff, both Indian and Chinese,
for their loyal co-operation during
the year, and also to Mr. Arculli
for his advice on certain ques-
tions, which cropped up, connect-
ed with the school.

LIST OF PRIZES.

The list of prizes was:—
Class 4:—1st Prize and Gov-
ernment Scholarship tenable at
Queen's College for 3 years—For
Dill; 2nd Prize and E. K. Scholar-
ship tenable at Queen's College
for 3 years—Gurbachan Singh;

Government half Scholarship ten-
able at Queen's College for 3
years—A. M. Rumjahn.
Class 5:—1st Prize and Gov-
ernment Scholarship tenable at
E. K. I. School for 1 year—D. M.
Khan; 2nd Prize—S. M. Rum-
jahn; English Prize—Hari Singh;
Urdu Prize—Gurbux Singh.

Class 6:—1st Prize and Gov-
ernment Scholarship tenable at
Indian School for 1 year—Yusuf
Shamsuddin; 2nd Prize—Mah-
mood Khan; English Prize—M'd
Wahab; Urdu Prize—Balwant
Singh.

Class 8A:—1st Prize and Gov-
ernment Scholarship tenable at
Indian School for 1 year—Wazir
Ahmed; 2nd Prize—Bashir
Ahmed; English Prize—A. R.
Marker; Urdu Prize—Darshan
Singh.

Class 8B:—1st Prize and Gov-
ernment Scholarship tenable at
Indian School for 1 year—Ibra-
him; 2nd Prize—Mu'd Shafi;
English Prize—Abe Hassan;
Urdu Prize—Jagjit Singh.

Special prize for progress, pre-
sented by Mr. A. R. Sutherland—
Hari Singh.

Attendance (100 per cent. for 4

years)—K. Nazarin.

FALSE BANKNOTES CASE.

Budapest, Jan. 10:
A petition, bearing 800,000
signatures is to be presented to
the Governor of Budapest in the
course of next week, in order to
demand a pardon for those in-
volved in the false French bank-
notes affair.

AT THE QUEEN'S.

"A SAINTED DEVIL" TO-DAY TO
SATURDAY.

It was thought Rudolph Valen-
tino had about reached the heights
in screen entertainment when he
chose Booth Tarkington's "Mon-
ster Beauty" as his "come-back"
vehicle for Paramount after an ab-
sence of two years.

But "the shik" has fairly out-
done himself in "A Sainted Devil,"
a Joseph Henabery production, an
adaptation by Forrest Halsey of the
mangezie story, "Rope's End," by
Rex Beach.

"A Sainted Devil" has to do with
South America and South Ameri-
cans, a pictorially beautiful story
of old Spanish customs against mod-
ern city life. It shows the virility of
the Pampas against the sophisti-
cated culture of Buenos Ayres, the
Paris of the Americas.

Valentino has a role that fits him
to perfection. As a dashing young
South American, fired by the pure
Castilian blood of generations
which courses through his veins, he
makes a picture never to be forgot-
ten.

If you are one of those who ap-
preciate lavish, production—gor-
geous settings, superb portraiture,
etc.—go and see "A Sainted Devil."
Here's the "great lover" in the kind
of a role the public likes to see him
play. As a young planter of
wealthy parents, then a regular
"tormentor," brooding over the loss
of his lovely wife who was abducted
on their wedding day.
Helen D'Algy, Nita Naldi, Louise
Laurance, Dagmar Godowsky,
Raphaël Bonzi, George Siegman
and others have prominent roles in
the strong supporting cast, and all
give exceptionally good accounts of
themselves.

WORLD THEATRE.

"LOST AND FOUND" TO-DAY
TO SATURDAY.

A romance of the South Seas
that is both thrilling and convincing
is "Lost and Found," by Carey
Wilson.

The film is filled with pictorial
beauty, with strange and compelling
drama, with unusual persons in
thrilling situations. It may be
classified, for those who like such
definitions, as romantic melodrama,
with action rapid enough to suit the
most fastidious. The photography
is unusually clear and much of it
depicts scenes that are beautiful
beyond belief. The entire film, on
the pictorial side, is a panorama of
beautiful scenes.

The story concerns one Captain
Blackbird, a planter on a Pacific
island, whose wife deserted him for
the island governor, fleeing with
their eldest daughter, injuring the
younger in her mad haste to leave.

The man, swearing vengeance upon
all of her sex, took to the seas as
master of a slave ship. Upon the
deck of his vessel the drama is
played out when his elder daughter
appears. Not knowing her iden-
tity, Captain Blackbird is on the
point of forcing her to marry Dingo,
his filthy mate. The revelation of
who she is comes, and there
follows one of the wildest, most
realistic ship-fights ever staged for
a picture.

The cast is exceptionally gifted.
House Peters as Captain Blackbird
again proving his right to stand at
the head of his profession. Other
players who give stirring and vivid
performances are Pauline Starke,
Antonio Moreno, Rosemary Theby,
George Siegmann, Mary Jane Irving,
William V. Mong and Carl Har-
baugh.

According to Cairo reports the
American commercial penetration of
Egypt is extremely active. A com-
mercial delegation is expected short-
ly. American motor manufacturers
plan to establish branch-factories in
Egypt. Negotiations are proceed-
ing for the creation of a bank to
finance American imports.

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TOTTORI MARU	Saturday, 20th January.
AWA MARU	Thursday, 10th February.
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MORIOKA MARU	Monday, 31st January.
NAGATO MARU	Tuesday, 8th February.
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TANGO MARU	Friday, 10th February.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	
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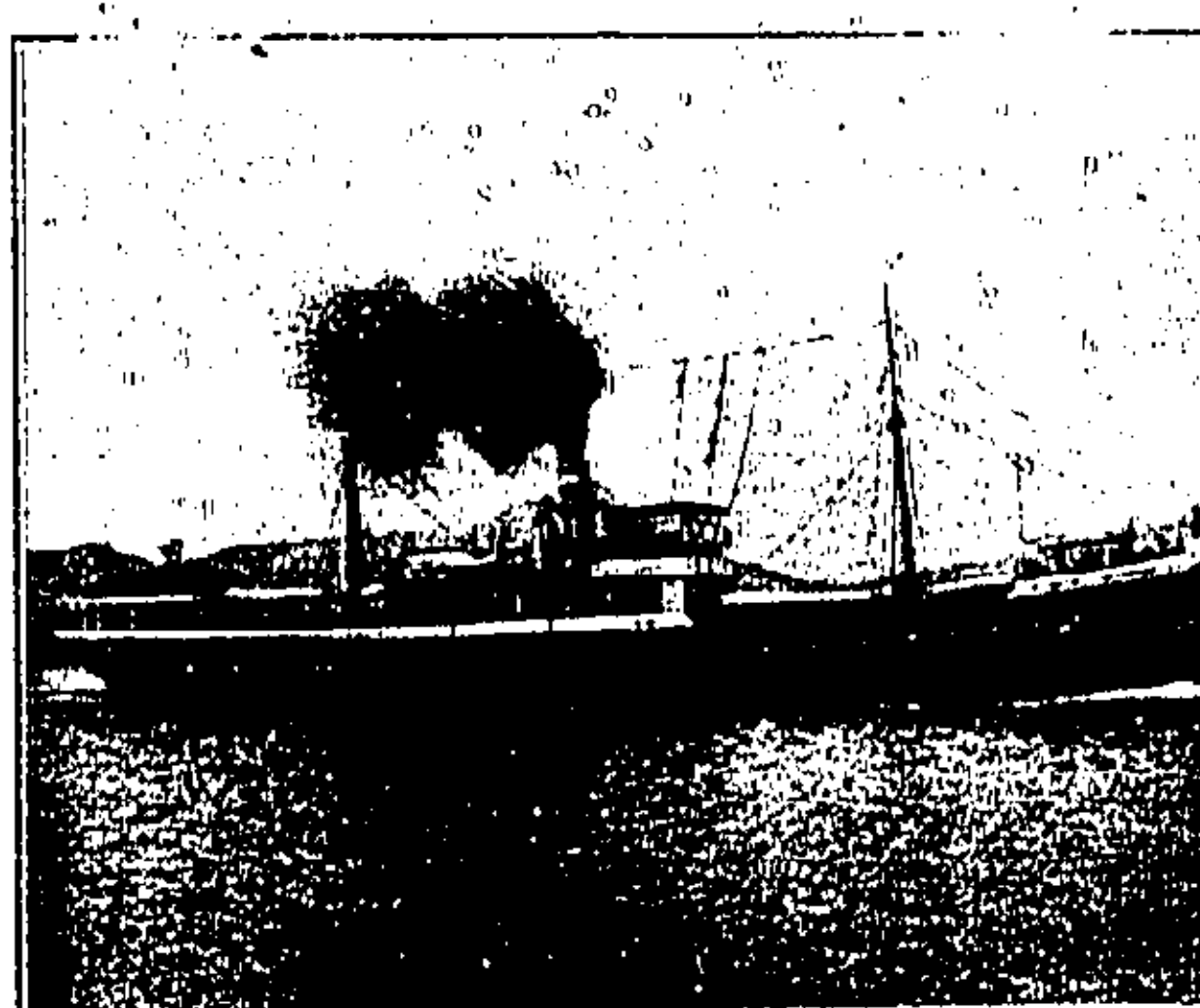
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MOBS AND HIGH POLITICS.

The "Canton Gazette" again takes the "China Mail" to task for the remarks made in this paper about the Hankow incident. Controversies between newspapers, even when conducted with restraint, as in the present instance, are of little profit. They usually lead nowhere, and the public soon gets tired of them. None the less we feel constrained to observe that the "Canton Gazette" is doing the "China Mail" an injustice when it accuses this paper of adopting a "die-hard" attitude towards the Nationalists. The "China Mail," our contemporary might recall, was one of the first papers in South China to urge the recognition of the Nationalist Government. Certainly that was before the Hankow incident which has done so much to shake our confidence in the Nationalist Government. The Hankow incident, regrettable as it must be called, however, is only an incident—it can readily be settled if the Nationalist Government will meet Britain's overtures in the friendly spirit in which they are being made. Once the Nationalist Government has restored our confidence in this manner, the "China Mail" will be found again among the first advocates of recognition. The "Canton Gazette" takes exception to our view that if the Nationalist Government was able to restore order at Hankow it

should have been able to take steps which would have prevented the disorders breaking out at all. Says the "Canton Gazette": "It is the very nature of a patriotic movement that the people of a country should be allowed expression and participation." Granted. There is no country in the world which allows greater latitude than Britain for free speech, as a visit to Trafalgar Square any Sunday afternoon will show. The "Canton Gazette" declares that the Nationalist Government will intervene in demonstrations "only when there seems serious danger of complications" and not before. But surely the danger of complications was patent at Hankow. Surely, too, it is the duty of a Government to be ready when such a danger comes to a head? Had this danger been guarded against at Hankow, the events which followed could never have taken place—and Mr. Eugene Chen would never have found himself in a position where he felt impelled to offer profound apologies for the vandalism of the mob. Instead of leaping to take advantage of the situation created by the mob, surely the first duty of the Nationalist Government was to have disowned the mob, if not to have punished the ring-leaders, as would have been done in any other country. After all, there are limits—in every country—to the excesses that may be committed in the name of patriotism, and it is the first duty of a government, so far from exploiting those excesses before or afterwards, it does not matter—to see that excitement does not become violence. When demonstrators know that a government is ready, and able, to preserve order, demonstrations rarely get out of hand.

The "Canton Gazette" raises another point in its article on the "China Mail" and to this point also we feel constrained to refer. Says the "Canton Gazette": "The demonstration is practically the only form of participation in government that the great mass of the people have. This is not because the Kuomintang is not democratic. It is the only truly democratic force in China. But the Kuomintang is not old established like the parties in the West. Nor is the Nationalist

Government old and long established." That is just it. The "Canton Gazette" is doubtless sincere in its hope and belief that the people of China will sooner or later receive full franchise, and the Nationalist Government, instead of having to permit demonstrations so that it can "use the mass expression of popular emotion as its guide" will be able to derive a mandate direct from the people through the polling booth as in the West. But meanwhile the Nationalist Government, as the "Canton Gazette" admits, is very young. That, as Disraeli pointed out on a certain historic occasion, is no crime—rather in many ways it is an asset. Although not old established, or even firmly established, in the minds of many people who are neither "Imperialists" nor enemies of the Kuomintang—mere neutrals in fact—the Nationalist Government yet asks the Powers to surrender all the safeguards which protect the lives and interests of their nationals, whom even the "Canton Gazette" cannot deny have been in acute danger from mobs, which, whatever their motives have been, the Nationalist Foreign Minister himself had to whitewash as best he could.

Would it not be better for the Nationalist Government to learn to walk before it tries to run? Would it not be better for it first to establish its position in China beyond all possible doubt, and, pointing to a record of good administration and security, invite the Powers to surrender the concessions, which we are sure they have no desire to keep any longer than is really necessary for the safety of their nationals. Such a policy as that, besides achieving what mob violence can never hope to achieve, would prove to the world that the Nationalist Government, for all its youth, possesses qualities of real statesmanship. Certainly it would be a great deal safer, in the interests of China, as well as those of the Powers, than listening too readily to the "mass expression of popular emotion" as a guide in high politics, mass emotion, apart from being notoriously fickle, representing only a very small portion of a vast nation—in fact the few thousands who happen to be assembled in one particular place; and being also, if the "Canton Gazette" will pardon the reminder, still more notoriously susceptible to the influence of agitators, paid or otherwise. What we have just said about mass emotion is true of every country: it is particularly true of China.

Aliens At Home.

There can be little doubt that the rather slack policy of Liberal Governments before the war encouraged a flow of undesirable persons from the poorest and most insubstantial quarters of Europe into the East End of London and the larger ports of Great Britain. To a certain proportion of immigrants Great Britain was extending her traditional protection, which, wisely exercised in the past, has proved an unflinching source of strength. Many of the most respected families in trade to-day have sprung from the humble and despised origins of a political exile or a religious refugee. But with the many thousands who almost monthly land in British ports there are very many undesirable characters. The war proved that British nationalisation laws were inadequate, and that bitter enemies of the Constitution were enabled, for purely nominal sums, to enjoy the privileges of British citizenship. It is therefore satisfactory to read in the reports of debates in the House of Commons prior to the adjournment that the Home Secretary is pursuing a policy which will not reflect upon British history or imperial Britain's future. The greater number of aliens in Britain have been there since pre-war days. They have married British wives and have British children. There is no question about dealing with them harshly or of turning them out. The only people of that class who must be watched are those convicted of offences against the law. They are to be deported as having forfeited their right of

asylum. But to the vast number of aliens attracted by British wage conditions there is to be no mercy. With the very large number of unemployed still dependent upon the dole, the Home Secretary does not propose to allow any alien to enter to seek work unless it is found in the interests of Great Britain that he should enter the country. It would seem as though at last the Home Government has decided to think, not of the injustices and miseries of other parts of the world, but of those so very visible in many parts of the Mother Country.

CORRESPONDENCE.

MR. EUGENE CHEN'S LATEST MANIFESTO.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")
Sir,—In this morning's papers the considered aims and aspirations of the Nationalist Government were printed as released for publication by Mr. Eugene Chen. The whole article must command admiration for its composition and phraseology, but it is sufficiently obvious that one of its main objectives is propaganda. It is not my intention to endeavour to deal with Mr. Chen's statements, but as one who has spent nearly the whole of his adult life in China, I should be interested to know what, if any, steps the Hong Kong Government are taking to counter this very real and live piece of propaganda. To be effective, it must be done at once.

Mr. Chen's manifesto will be read all over the civilised world during the remainder of this week and an immediate considered reply will receive nearly equal hearing. It is surely not beyond the wit of our officials to deal effectively, paragraph by paragraph, with this manifesto. I believe the value of an authoritative statement would be inestimable. Next week will be late, and the week after too late.—Yours, etc.,
REMOS.

Hong Kong, Jan. 26, 1927.

"STAR" FEATURES.

TUNNEY FILM & LOCAL BOXERS.

HOW DEMPSEY WAS BEATEN

For four days at the "Star" Theatre, Kowloon, beginning on Sunday, there will be two feature performances each day, from 5.15 to 8.45 and beginning at 9.20, respectively.

For the first time in the Colony, the motion film of the Tunney-Dempsey fight will be presented by Tex Rickard, the promoter of the heavyweight boxing championship of the world, which Tunney won from Dempsey. The whole of the ten rounds will be shown as well as a slow motion picture of one round so that "fans" can study the movements minutely.

The management has also been successful in engaging the services of Kid Raymond and Bartling Elartino, who will give exhibitions of sparring, shadow boxing and skipping at 7 p.m. and 9.20 p.m.

The picture will be Carl Laemmle's "Runaway Express" which should delight cinema patrons on both sides of the harbour.

Pictures will be increased and the programme will be shown for the last time on Wednesday.

SERIOUS CHARGES.

AN ALLEGED BRIBE AND THREATS.

When a Chinese employed as an overseer by the Botanical and Forestry Department was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning with intimidation and accepting a bribe, Mr. Duncan McCallum, defending, pleaded "not guilty."

Observing that the charge of intimidation involved the extortion of the sum alleged to have been received as a bribe, Mr. Lindsell remanded the case until next Monday afternoon, allowing bail in \$1,000.

GOING INTO EXILE.

London, Jan. 27.

French pressmen all day long tried to discover the destination of Garibaldi, whose sojourn in France compulsorily terminated to-day. They ferreted him out at Boulogne en route to Folkestone, where he subsequently arrived, avowing his intention to go to Cuba, when he obtained passports. But his vicissitudes were not ended as the immigration authorities, in the absence of instructions, prevented him from going to London. Hence he is at present staying at Folkestone.—Reuter.

OUR \$50 PRIZE.

Result of the First Puzzle.

WIKING IN KOWLOON.

Some Sidelights on a Keen Competition.

The "China Mail" has pleasure in announcing the result of its first Cross-Word Puzzle Competition. The Competition has aroused the keenest interest and it has received a great deal of support. The winner is

F. M. Gomes Ozorio,
No. 29 Jordan Road,
Kowloon.

The winner had only four errors, and deserves great credit for coming so close to the correct solution in an admittedly difficult puzzle.

A cheque for \$50 is being sent to the winner under registered cover, together with the congratulations of the "China Mail."

A number of competitors came very close to winning. The following had only five errors:—

W. Hamilton.
Miss G. Kong.
Richard Wong.
F. E. de Sousa.
Miss Winslow.
Miss R. Xavier.

The following had only six errors:—
T. F. de Sousa, Mrs. G. Jox, A. Leung, T. Azevedo, R. E. Lindsell, Miss Lina Gomes, P. T. Lambie, Mrs. J. A. Plummer, and Miss Zita Gomes.

These competitors are to be complimented upon their excellent attempts, and to be wished better success next time.

Judging the Entries.

The judging of the Competition revealed the interesting fact that in one or the other of all the entries sent in the correct solution to every clue was given, which goes to show that a correct solution was within the reach of any one individual competitor.

Entries were sent in from all parts of the Colony and from members of all communities, among those competing being residents of the Peak, Kowloon, Happy Valley, Yau-mat, and Tai-koo. There were entries also from all branches of both Services and the Royal Naval Dockyard. The Competition has thus lumped into immediate favour in circles representing the whole Colony.

An Important Point.

A number of competitors sent in entries which had been mutilated in the eyes of the rules inasmuch as the cross-word puzzle and the entry coupon had been cut in two. Each solution must have a signed coupon attached to it. Some competitors sent in two or more solutions pinned to one coupon. This must not be done, as no responsibility can be accepted for such coupons becoming detached.

Some competitors also did not fully comply with Rule Eight, sending in solutions where letters had been written on top of other letters. Some competitors also made marginal notes. Marginal notes will receive absolutely no attention, and will lead to disqualification. The only solutions eligible to win the prize are solutions that are quite clear and contain no corrections, blotted words, or marginal notes at all.

It may be mentioned, as a matter of fact, that none of the entries for the first competition containing marginal notes came near enough anyway to have won the prize.

The correct solutions are as follows:—

Across.
1. SALSIFY; 4. RIT; 7. LAKE; 10. AH; 11. OATH; 12. AG; 13. ZODIAC; 16. SUAVE; 18. LOUDER; 20. ER; 22. STANCE; 24. LIL; 25. BAIL; 26. DOTT; 27. SILVER; 30. N.W.; 31. ORNATE; 32. OR; 35. S.E.; 37. LODGE; 39. E.S.E.; 42. ON; 43. ELI; 45. ER; 47. S.S.; 48. L.D.S.; 49. TREND; 50. WE; 52. OF; 53. MANIOC; 57. A.I.; 59. FUCATE; 64. EVE; 65. TIME; 66. CON; 67. RECOOT; 70. ME; 71. UPLAND; 73. TWAIN; 75. RAPIER; 76. ELAN; 78. GONAT; 80. SUES; 82. SIRS; 83. ENIS; 84. CROSSES.

Down.
1. STILL; 2. LAZULI; 3. SHOD; 4. RA; 5. ITS; 6. THUS; 7. LAVA; 8. ACENDA; 9. EFFETE; 11. OCEAN; 14. DENE; 15. IE; 17. ATOR (Rota reversed); 19. OIL; 21. RAW; 23. COT; 28. VELE; 29. ROVER; 32. N.W.; 34. ODE; 35. SOL; 36. END; 37. LIN; 38. GRUFF; 40. S.S.W.; 41. E.S.E.; 44. LET; 46. TORC; 51. TI; 53. MERLES; 54. AVE; 55. NECTAR; 56. ORCA; 57. AIM; 58. INERT; 60. UNPI; 61. ACARUS; 62. TON; 65. ENDOSS; 66. OWNS; 69. TIGE; 71. UP; 72. LESS; 74. NON; 77. LI; 79. AS; 81. EE.

BISHOP OF LONDON.

The Bishop of London left Singapore for Australia via Java, at noon by the "Tasman," accompanied by his chaplain, the Rev. H. C. Thomson.

A number of well-known people gathered at the quayside to bid him farewell and bon voyage, including the Bishop of Singapore and Mrs. Ferguson-Davie, Rev. G. T. Shetliffe, Rev. J. B. Westlake, Mr. Ormond Lythe, Mr. G. C. Elliott, and Mr. L. G. Cranna. When all the visitors had finally shaken hands and wished him goodbye, the Bishop was given an enthusiastic send-off by the small gathering at the liner gradually left the quay side. His Lordship stood by the rails as the steamer moved away from the wharf, responding to the waving of hats and handkerchiefs until the liner was well under way.

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be seen from the British Memorandum that the Government is most desirous of promoting a friendly settlement of outstanding difficulties with the Chinese and is ready to make liberal concessions as far as possible in the Memorandum. It is also stated that the Chinese also desire a friendly settlement and are prepared to conduct conversations with this object.

"The British Government's purpose unhappily is made difficult of realization by the internal dissensions dividing the Chinese, but the Government is striving to overcome this difficulty and will continue to seek a friendly settlement."

"But disorders which are the natural concomitant of civil war and the dangers they threaten to foreigners engaged in legitimate and purely peaceful pursuits of commerce oblige the Government to take necessary steps for the discharge of their primary duty of affording protection to the lives and persons of British nationals so engaged. The movement of troops has only this purpose in view."

Foreign Secretary's Letter.

Rugby, Jan. 26.

A letter has been addressed on behalf of Sir Austen Chamberlain, Secretary for Foreign Affairs, to the National Executive of the Labour Party regarding the situation in China.

"The letter refers to the Memorandum on British policy in China communicated to the Powers at the end of December, and proceeds:—

"From this you will have seen that His Majesty's Government have every desire to promote a friendly settlement of the outstanding difficulties with the Chinese and are ready to make liberal concessions if they find the Chinese also desire a friendly settlement and are prepared to conduct conversations with this object."

The purpose of the British Government is unhappily made more difficult of realization by the internal dissensions at present dividing the Chinese, but the British Government are striving to overcome this difficulty and will continue to seek a friendly settlement. But the disorders which are the natural concomitant of civil war and the dangers which they threaten to foreigners engaged in legitimate and purely peaceful pursuits of commerce oblige the Government to take such steps as are necessary for the discharge of their primary duty of affording protection to the lives of British nationals so engaged. The movement of troops has only this purpose in view.—British Wireless Service.

SHANGHAI'S DANGER.

China Association Views.

London, Jan. 26.

Reuter learns that the China Association, which is in close contact with the Foreign Office, has represented to the Government the grave dangers with which Shanghai may be faced in certain eventualities.

The Association is satisfied with the steps taken to protect British life and property, but is understood to have made recommendations in connection with the negotiations at Hankow, on the outcome of which foreign rights in other parts of China will depend.

The Association believes that the Government is fully alive to the importance of the issues at stake.

The resumption of business at Hankow is interpreted favourably in the belief that the step was taken with the full knowledge and approval of Mr. O'Malley.

It is felt, however, that Mr. Eugene Chen's ability to keep his promises and control the extremists is doubtful, while the ability of the Cantonese to obtain control of Northern China is regarded as far from proved.—Reuter.

GENERAL ITEMS.

The Pope and China.

Rome, Jan. 26.

The Pope gave an audience to M. Winer, Apostolic Vicar of Chefoo, with whom he had a long conversation on the situation in China.—Reuter.

Melbourne, Jan. 26.

The Acting Premier, Mr. Page, has stated that no request for assistance in China has been received from Britain.—Reuter.

London, Jan. 26.

The hundreds of applications made by ex-officers and officers in the Reserve for employment in China have led the War Office to announce that such are not required.—Reuter.

London, Jan. 26.

Twenty-six R.A.S.C. lorries and drivers have left Woolwich for Birkenhead on route to China.—Reuter.

2nd Suffolks at Singapore.

Singapore, Jan. 26.

The Second Suffolks have arrived here and are proceeding to Shanghai on Friday.—Reuter.

London, Jan. 26.

The R.A.M.C. Depot at Crookham is preparing a general hospital, field ambulance, and field hygiene section for the treatment of infectious diseases for China.

Colonel E. Ryan is in command of the general hospital.

A field bakery of the R.A.S.C. is also under orders.—Reuter.

Shanghai, Jan. 27.

The Punjab arrived this morning from Hong Kong.—Reuter.

Peking, Jan. 26.

There are many indications that Marshal Chang Tso-lin will be elected President shortly after the New Year.—Reuter.

No naval wireless messages were received over-night other than one from Shanghai which stated that the position was unchanged.

SAFETY MEASURES.

United States Nationals.

Washington, Jan. 22.

The government is hastily preparing to evacuate all Americans in China should the present crisis continue. Merchant vessels are being chartered to carry the refugees to the Philippines and to Hawaii.

The official spokesman of the White House to-day averred that America would continue in its efforts to carry out its agreements with China. He added that Minister MacMurray had been ordered back to Peking because of the "grave danger" to Americans' interests in the Chinese capital and elsewhere in the nation.

The marines now at Guam have been ordered to go to Manila to be nearer to China in case of an eventuality which would call them into service.

The United States Consul-General, Mr. Gauss, in Shanghai has sent to all known Americans here an appeal to list themselves and their dependants at the consulate.

Peking Peaceful.

Peking, Jan. 27.

Hitherto there have been no signs of disturbances, strikes or anti-foreign feeling in Peking but the authorities are taking precautions. It is believed that the Fengtien authorities are determined to prevent trouble. Double guards with fixed bayonets are posted outside Reuters and many other foreign residences while picked patrols march around the streets all night long with orders ruthlessly to suppress disturbers of the peace.

Meanwhile the American authorities have warned their nationals that the signal of trouble in the day time will be a blue Peter below the Stars and Stripes on the Legation radio tower and at night six red lights. On receipt of this warning Americans must concentrate at three given points, from which they will be escorted to the Legation.

PATHETIC EPISODE.

Foreign Boy's Funeral.

Awed by a mother's grief, a Chinese mob looked on in silence as the body of a 13-years-old foreign boy was laid to rest in the International Cemetery at Hankow last Wednesday morning.

The dead boy was Ronald Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. H. Davis. Ronald was killed in a lift accident in Hankow last Monday. The funeral was to have been held the following day but was delayed by mob activities and violence.

Unmindful of the threatening Chinese crowds, the sorrowing little cavalcade slowly wound its way to the cemetery on Wednesday morning. Outside stood sullen members of the mob.

The Rev. Little, paying no heed to the Chinese, conducted the ceremony. The words of a sacred hymn rose on the morning air. Softly they sang it. One by one the Chinese melted away. A heartbroken mother was led from the grave, no taunts or insults being flung after her by Chinese onlookers.

EARLIER MESSAGES.

Comment on Mr. Chen's Manifesto.

London, Jan. 26.

The "Daily Telegraph" cites numerous historic events to disprove Mr. Eugene Chen's "fantastic distortion of the truth" in his recent manifesto. It remarks on Mr. Chen's omission of any reference to the British declaration of policy when he talks of negotiation of treaty and cognate questions on a basis of economic equality, though he well aware that as far as Britain is concerned he is pushing at the open door.

It concludes by saying that the "wild treatment of British nationals" is a condition for embarking on a civilised discussion with any government claiming authority in any part of China.

As matters stand Mr. Chen asks too much to say the least, in requiring us to assume that such treatment is either assured or intended.

Cabinet Minister's Views.

London, Jan. 26.

Sir Cunliffe Liston, in a speech at Stenmore, Mid-Hants, referring to Mr. Chen's manifesto, laid down three conditions on which Britain would readily and generously review the position.

Firstly, we are prepared to negotiate in goodwill and good faith, provided goodwill and good faith exist on both sides.

Secondly, we must deal with authorities capable to carry out their undertaking.

Thirdly, we must be assured that in modifying our present rights we can secure protection for the lives of Britishers and their legitimate interests.

He added "We can go far in such negotiations but it is impossible to concede to violence, whether mob violence or organised violence."

He charged Mr. Chen with misrepresenting our policy, in which there was no aggression but a genuine desire to co-operate with China in all her legitimate aspirations, to see her prosperous, but a determination to see that the lives of our subjects were protected.

Mr. Chen mistakes his own position. "Our rights in China, like those in other countries, are founded upon treaties given by treaty and Government concessions, and the great trade built up on this will not only benefit Britain but is equally essential for the benefit of China."—Reuter.

Mutual Interests.

Rugby, Jan. 26.

Further reference to British policy in China was made last night by Sir Philip Cunliffe Liston, President of the Board of Trade. He said the whole aim of the British Government's policy in China was one of peace, trade and co-operation. "Its" policy had been clearly stated, and understood throughout the world, and had been fully approved by all sections in this country. We were anxious to negotiate in a generous spirit with China, but there was a duty laid on us to protect the lives of British subjects and to protect their legitimate interests if that were forced on us.

Referring to the manifesto issued this week by Mr. Chen in which reference was made to the "imperialist aims" of the British Minister, he said, "The British Empire does not desire to extend its borders by one single inch in any quarter of the world. There is nothing of aggression, nothing of imperialism, in it. There is in it a genuine will for peace, a genuine desire to co-operate with China in all her legitimate aspirations, and a genuine desire to see her prosperous. But there is, and must be, a determination to see that the lives of British subjects and their interests are protected. Our rights in China, like those of other countries, are founded on treaties and Government Concessions. On those twenty rights a great trade has been built up, not for the benefit of this country only but also essential for the benefit of China. The interests of the Chinese, and even of Chinese Nationalism, are one with Britain and the British Empire."—British Wireless Service.

India and China.

New Delhi, Jan. 26.

At the first business sitting of the Assembly, a motion by Mr. Jeyaraj, leader of the Indian National Congress, for adjournment of the House to discuss the action of the Government in sending Indian troops to China, without consulting the legislature, was opposed by the home member. Subsequently the President read a message from the Governor General disallowing any discussion, on the ground that it was detrimental to public interests.

Sir H. Blackett introduced three currency and two steel-protection Bills. He stated that the bill to establish a gold standard currency and constitute a Reserve Bank was the most liberal in finance ever offered to India, according to the 1917 declaration, and would enormously add to the importance and influence of India's position in the financial councils of the world.

Sir Purshottamas Thakurdas held that a pure unalloyed Reserve Bank on western lines was premature, and asked for an assurance of introduction of gold currency if the Assembly desired it the moment the gold reserve was sufficient.—Reuter.

Indian Press Comment.

Bombay, Jan. 26.

The Nationalist papers' view that troops should not be sent from India to China is not shared by the "Times of India," which considers it the plain inalienable duty of the Government to secure protection for the International Settlement of Shanghai so long as its security depends on existing treaties.

As there is a large Indian community in Shanghai, and very important Indian commercial interests there, it is just and proper that troops from India should share this essential duty. Talk of war with China is nonsense.

The "Indian Daily Mail" thinks protests against sending a contingent to China are not well-advised as the prompt despatch of a contingent may prevent further aggravation of conditions in China, and be the means of promoting a pacific settlement.—Reuter.

Australia's Attitude.

Melbourne, Jan. 26.

The Federal Cabinet discussed the question of China and decided that it was unnecessary for the Commonwealth to take any action at present.—Reuter.

French Comment.

Paris, January 26.

France is intensely interested in the uninterrupted flow of British Naval and Military forces towards China.

The "Temps," discussing the O'Malley-Chen negotiations, remarks that Mr. Chen forgets that Canton is not yet mistress of the situation and is unequalled to speak for the whole of China. The paper is of opinion that no useful negotiations can be undertaken except by a single Government representing unified China.

The "Journal des Debats" is of opinion that concerted action by the Powers is essential to terminate the Chinese anarchy and recommends the Powers to support Chang Tso-lin and so bring home to the Chinese that it is not in their interest to relapse into Bolshevism, but to remain on good terms with civilised Europe.

The British policy in China is supported by the "Echo de Paris," which declares that except the Japanese, Asiatic people do not appear to have the faculty of organisation. If the Chinese succeeded in destroying the European civilisation they would have nothing to put in its place but would merely founder among the ruins. It is therefore to be hoped that at vital points like Shanghai a lesson will be administered to the plundering mob, who vacantly stammer "Nationalist slogans. Great Britain is the only power which has definitely decided on action. If her troops do not arrive too late she will be able to congratulate herself that she has served humanity."

The "Gaulois" criticises American "alcoofness" and contends that by refusing to ratify the Treaty of Versailles, the United States has made any practical settlement of the war impossible and has exposed Europe to the double peril of Russian Bolshevism and Asiatic anti-Foreignism.

French Policy.

Paris, Jan. 26.

"Le Journal" says that French policy in China is unchanged. The only thing to foresee, is the necessity of confronting dangers which might perhaps threaten French citizens in case of local unrest. Absolute reserve will be observed regarding movements of regular troops. However, if local unrest endangers the French Concession in Shanghai, our agents should protect French lives and interests by all means in their power.—Reuter.

HANKOW INCIDENT.

Mob and Finance Minister.

Shanghai, Jan. 26.

A Hankow message of January 23 states:—

The Nationalist Minister of Finance, Mr. T. V. Soong, narrowly escaped assault to-day, when a delegation of employees of the Peking-Hankow Railway called on him, threatening to strike, unless they immediately received two months' wages due to them, also double wages at China New Year.

Mr. Soong addressed the workers and urged them to return to their homes, but the workers, infuriated, attempted to seize him, and only refrained when the Minister's secretary cried, "You cannot commit such an indignity to a Minister," whereupon they seized the secretary and two members of the Minister's bodyguard, and carried them off to the union headquarters.—Reuter.

Fochow Riots Sequel.

Peking, Jan. 26.

A message from Fochow says General Ho Ying-chin has arrested 200 alleged anti-foreign rioters connected with the recent disturbances, and executed ten.

Four fifths of the American women and children in Fochow district have now evacuated. The withdrawal of the remainder is progressing.—Reuter.

OF to China.

London, Jan. 26.

Amid stirring scenes of enthusiasm the s.s. "Minnesota" left Portsmouth this morning for China with a battalion of marines and a few members of the Air Force and the Navy.

ESCAPE FROM PRISON.

London, Jan. 10.

Edward Dawson, who escaped from Wandsworth Prison, was found to-day in Wandsworth Casual ward and taken back to prison suffering from a badly injured ankle.

The German Consular estimates for 1927 provide for the establishment of new German Consulates at Curitiba, Florianopolis, Windhoek, Palermo, Bergen, Sevilla, Soerabaya, Turin, Trapezunt and Atlanta.

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AT THE STAR.

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"The Denial" is absolutely free from the Revolutionary influence. It was written under the Spanish War cannot be inspiration. It has all the favour of the old days—with a kick that has been removed entirely from the new days. It deals with the time when some persons now alive were standing on street corners watching a big, clumsy collection of iron work snort and sneeze down the avenue, and saying "Ha! Ha! Those automobiles! 'Horses'! always be good enough for me!"

"The Denial" is an epic of an interesting period. There were lots of other interesting items that have been embalmed in this enthralling, interesting photoplay.

PROGRESS IN AVIATION.

Rugby, Jan. 26.

Three English firms are building aeroplanes with a view to competing for the Schneider Cup, which will be held in September in Vally, as Italy is the present holder.

Successful tests in the use of one of the largest aero engines in the world, the "Typhoon," have just taken place. The engine has six cylinders, developing 955 horsepower.

Built by Beardmore and Company, it will, it is estimated, drive an aeroplane fully-loaded, weighing nearly five tons, at 146 miles an hour, and give a range of over 900 miles at an altitude of 20,000 feet.—British Wireless Service.

DUKE OF YORK'S TOUR.

Rugby, Jan. 26.

On the arrival of the Duke and Duchess of York aboard the "Reverend" at Bristol yesterday, the vessel was met by the United States battleship Arkansas. After an exchange of salutes, the Arkansas escorted her to the entrance just after dawn.

The Duke and Duchess were on deck, and witnessed a fine display by 25 United States aeroplanes, and on landing the Duke inspected a guard of honour which was drawn up on shore. The Royal party also visited the locks and spillway at Gatun.—British Wireless Service.

RUSSIAN TRAIN DISASTER.

Moscow, Jan. 10.

A fast train, was derailed 95 kilometres from Moscow. Sixteen persons were killed and 26 injured.

The German Cabinet formulated instructions for General von Fowels and Secretary of Legation Forster, entrusted with the settlement of the remaining disarmament questions.

The Investigation Commission reported favourably on the planned free zone in the Constantinople harbour and urged the appropriation of a space sufficient to enable the erection of factories.

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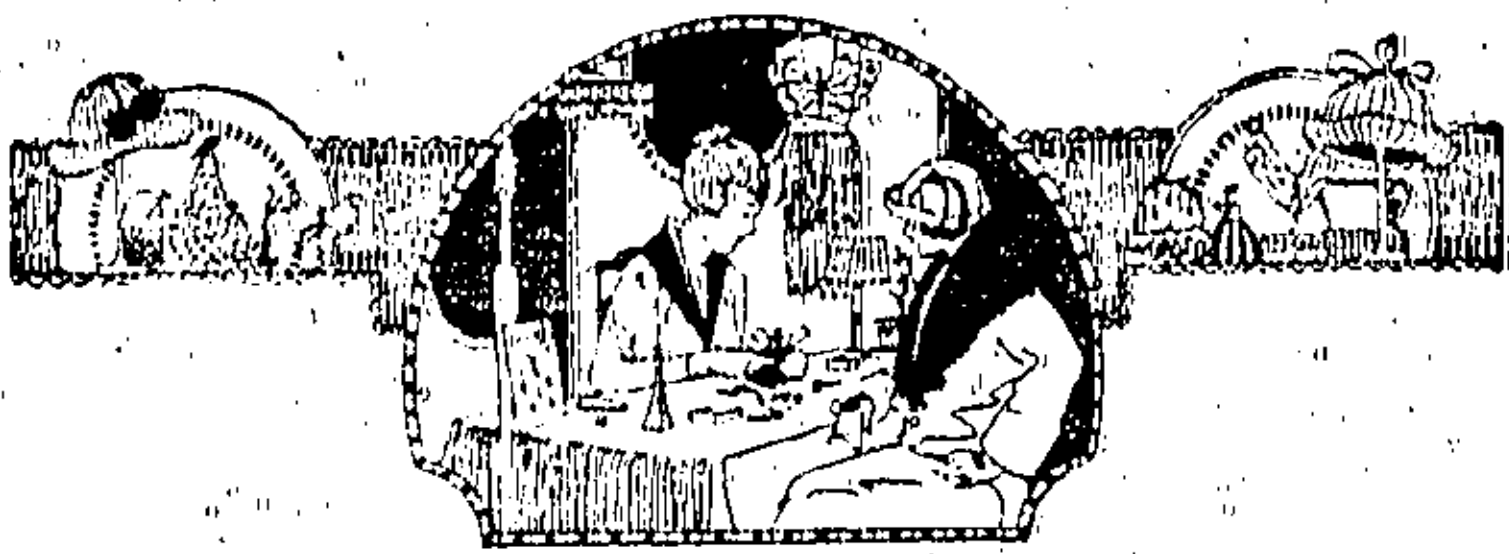
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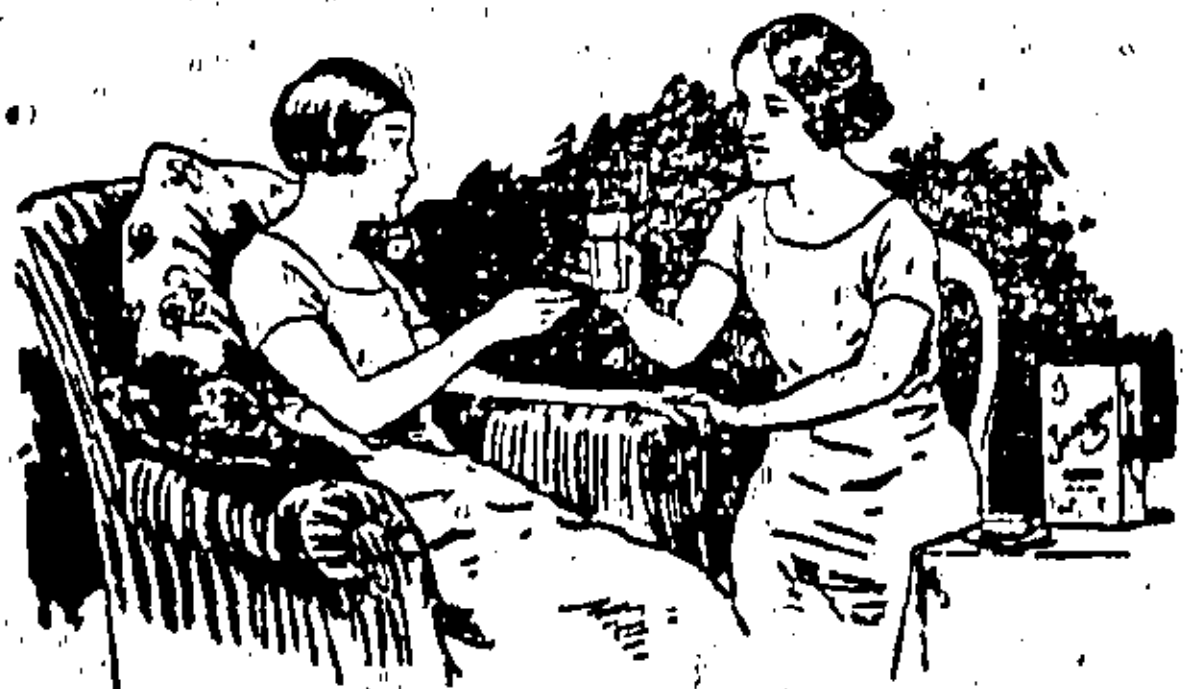
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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

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It is said that the great floods of the year-end have left the Kinta River, as the result of much "wash" getting into it, at least two feet shallower than it was before the floods.

Another batch of 96 ex-soldiers from defeated Fukienese Army under the Tapan, Gen. Chow Yin-jen, have arrived in Shanghai from southern Chekiang and they will soon be sent to Nanking to be incorporated in Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's Allied Army.

The provincial authorities at Nanking have appointed Mr. Hsu Wei-nan, the Shanghai District Magistrate, to the post of military judge of this district and vested in him authority to deal with serious cases of armed robbery involving the fourth degree of punishment and over.

The charity performance given last week by Isako's Circus under the patronage of H.E. the Governor and Lady Clementi resulted in \$50 being handed by Mr. Isako to Lady Clementi, which sum has been divided between the Hong Kong Benevolent Society and the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

The names of thirty-eight Chinese, among whom are some well known in Hong Kong, are in the cabin passenger list of the "President Jackson," which arrived yesterday from Seattle via Shanghai as "travelling to Hong Kong to celebrate the New Year festivities."

Mr. Sven Hedin, the noted explorer, in collaboration with a number of Chinese scientific societies, is arranging to explore North-West China, with a staff of scientists, which will include one Swedish and two Chinese geologists. The work will include meteorology, archaeology, and ethnography.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mrs. A. P. Nazar of Hong Kong returned to the Colony yesterday on the "President Jackson" after a visit to Shanghai.

Mr. J. Joseph of Messrs. David Sassoon & Co. is back in the Colony. He arrived from Shanghai yesterday on the "President Jackson."

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Weeks of Joplin, Montana, arrived here yesterday on the "President Jackson" on a pleasure tour. They are returning to America via Honolulu.

The marriage of Mr. D. R. L. P. Matheson, of the F.M.S. Police, and Miss Jean Stewart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart, of Port Swettenham, took place at St. Andrew's Church, Kuala Lumpur.

From Hankow, Dr. and Mrs. F. J. Williams of the London Mission, arrived here yesterday on the "President Jackson." They will tranship for Australia whither they are going on long furlough.

A London message announces the death of Mr. Ambrose McEvoy, A.R.A., at the age of 48 years. Works by the deceased artist were acquired by the Luxembourg Gallery, the National Gallery of British Art, and other galleries.

The marriage has taken place of Frank A. Capper and Vera Gladys Hawkins, daughter of the late Charles Hawkins and Mrs. H. H. Capper. Mr. Frank A. Capper is a son of the founder of the "Times of Ceylon," and with his brother, Mr. H. H. Capper, owned and edited the paper for some years.

Resealing of the probate of the will of the late Mr. Charles William Hay, formerly of Shanghai, but late of Ashurst Wood House, East Grinstead, Sussex, who died at Ashurst on June 24, 1926, has been granted to Mr. G. G. Noble Tinson, solicitor, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master. Net personally in the United Kingdom amounted to £29,480.12.3, while the Hong Kong Estate amounts to £35,625. Deceased left to each of his two trustees, who shall accept the office of executor and trustee, the sum of £100, free of duty, as a slight acknowledgment for his trouble, and all the remainder to his widow and children.

One case of diphtheria (Chinese) was reported in yesterday's health returns. This occurred in the Old and New Kowloon district.

An uncompleted building on Inland Lot No. 2486 was sold at Hughes and Hough's Sales Rooms yesterday for \$3,500 to Messrs. Kwong King-chen and Chan Kwang.

Celebrated film stars rubbed shoulders with ordinary members of the public in striving to obtain possession of the belongings of the late Rudolph Valentino, at the auction sale of the dead actor's effects at Hollywood.

It has been the custom of the Chinese Association, Singapore, to hold a re-union dinner yearly, when the opportunity is afforded to all members to rally and meet each other. This year the event has been fixed for Saturday, February 5.

Mr. Charles Sims, R.A., has resigned his position as Keeper of the Royal Academy, London. Mr. George Clausen, R.A., has undertaken to assume charge of the Royal Academy schools to fill temporarily the vacancy caused by Mr. Sims' resignation of the Keepership.

A panic was caused in the editorial department of the "Commercial Press" in Paoshan Road, Shanghai, when a basket of paper caught fire as the result of the carelessness of one of the employees who threw a lighted cigarette stub in the basket. The outbreak was soon suppressed but it was some time before the workers recovered from the scare.

Between 150 and 200 members of the Diocesan Boys' School Old Boys' Association and their friends attended an enjoyable social and dance at the new school at Ho Mun Tin last night. Dancing took place in the great hall to the music of the Lyric Orchestra. School songs were sung under the baton of Mr. F. Mason and Mr. Reginald Sung gave an exhibition of the "Charleston."

The British Atlantic Fleet, lying off Portland, has reported ten influenza cases within 24 hours.

An important announcement was made by the Chairman at the meeting of the British North Borneo (Chartered) Company, to the effect that in respect to attracting a useful type of settler there is to be a reduction in grants of land of from as much as 640 acres hitherto to not more than ten acres.

The Bishop of London and party motored through from Malacca to Kuala Lumpur, breaking their journey at Seremban for luncheon at the Residency, where they were the guests of the Hon. Mr. R. J. B. Clayton and Mrs. Clayton, who had asked local Church people to meet the Bishop. The Bishop visited the Laper Asylum at Kuala Lumpur.

The death has occurred at the General Hospital, Singapore, under peculiarly tragic circumstances, of Mr. Herbert Huleatt James, manager of Mount Cyril and Nithsdale Rubber Estates, Merising. The deceased was admitted with fever, and during a sudden bout of delirium he jumped out of bed, knocked down the Indian attendant in his room, and leapt over the verandah outside before anyone could stop him. He fell two storeys and sustained fatal injuries. Mr. James was the only son of Colonel Herbert James, C.B., of the Manchester Regiment.

Some of the associates of Captain Sullivan, Commander of the "Renown," have distinguished records. Commander Moore had an arduous war-time command—a monitor on the Belgian coast. Surgeon-Commander McGowan is one of the navy's new experts of chemical warfare. Engineer-Commander Sutton participated in the Zeebrugge-Ostend attacks, and accompanied the King on his cruise in "Indomitable." Paymaster-Commander Hodge served in the "Renown's" predecessor and namesake, and was also for three years on the staff of the League of Nations at Geneva.

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OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

IS HONG KONG BEHIND SHANGHAI?

The accusation is frequently made that Hong Kong is always behind Shanghai. Residents in the Northern port have got together for the purpose of sending propaganda in the Old Country. In their own interests Hong Kong people should see that everybody they know at Home is kept correctly informed about China.

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SPORTS SECTION

SCOTTISH CUP.

DRAW FOR SECOND ROUND PROPER.

RESULT OF REPLAYS.

London, Jan. 26. Matches replayed today in the first round proper of the Scottish Football Association Cup (home team given first) resulted:—
Celtic 4, Queen of the South 1.
Dunfermline 2, Bathgate 2.
Airdrieonians 2, Ayr 1.

—Reuter.
London, Jan. 26. The draw for the 2nd round proper of the Scottish F.A. Cup (to be played on Feb. 5 on the ground of the first-round) was made today and resulted:—
East Fife v. Aberdeen.
Hamilton v. Clydebank.
Albion v. Dumbarton.
Buckie Thistle v. Both.
Dundee United v. Vale of Leven.
King's Park v. Partick.
Dunfermline v. Airdrieonians.
Beecham v. Celtic.
Broxburn v. Dykehead or Montrose.
St. Bernard's v. Ayr.
Kilmarnock v. Dundee.
Mid Annandale v. Forfar.
Boness v. Cowdenbeath.
Falkirk v. Queen's Park.
Elgin City v. Clyde.
Raith Rovers v. St. Mirren.

—Reuter.
[Note: Last season St. Mirren beat Rangers 1-0 in the semi-final. They are now drawn together in the 2nd round. The other semi-finalists were Celtic and Aberdeen who both play away in the 2nd round. In the final on April 16 last St. Mirren beat Celtic 2-nil.]

IN THE LEAGUE.

Division III, Southern.

London, Jan. 26. In division III (southern section) of the English Football League today, Bournemouth defeated Luton by 2 goals to nil (at Bournemouth). —Reuter.

'VARSITY' CRICKET.

ENGINEERS' v. MEDICALS MATCH.

On the University cricket ground, the Engineering and Medical Societies played a drawn match yesterday. Scores:—

Engineering Society.	
W. M. Gittins, b. Rumjahn	56
S. Kermani, c. Rumjahn, b. Lake	23
J. L. Youngs, b. Lake	27
A. Hazeldene, c. b. Rumjahn	10
Prof. F. A. Redmond, b. Gutteres	10
H. C. Hunt, b. Rumjahn	2
Prof. M. H. Roffey, b. Lam	13
S. P. Chen, b. Rumjahn	3
T. W. Chong, b. Rumjahn	7
H. T. M. Barma, not out	33
S. Tajima, b. Rumjahn	5
Extras	14
Total	187

Bowling Analysis.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lam	5	1	25	1
Rumjahn	15	0	73	6
Lake	4	0	22	1
Gutteres	12	1	33	1
Lee	4	0	20	1

Medical Society.	
B. N. Sudan, c. Gittins, b. Youngs	6
C. K. Ong, run out	28
A. A. Rumjahn, not out	83
C. W. Lam, not out	7
Extras	28
Total (for 2 wks.)	150

Bowling Analysis.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Youngs	9	3	22	1
H. C. Hunt	6	0	18	0
Redmond	8	0	18	0
Hazeldene	7	1	35	0
Gittins	3	0	20	0
Barma	1	0	19	0

INTERPORT TRIAL.

9 GOALS IN YESTERDAY'S SOCCER.

Three goals down while they were a man short, the Rest never got ahead yesterday in the Interport trial match against Hong Kong's soccer XI, but finally lost by only one goal out of nine scored.
C. W. E. Bishop, Hong Kong's captain and left back, was again absent and his place was taken by Campbell.

Pacing ten men, the Interporters ran up 3 goals and led 3-1 at the interval. Then the score became 4-1, 4-3, 5-3 and finally 5-4.

Gosano got the first two goals. Then Cavell (playing for the Rest) deflected a centre from Tso Kwai-shing into the net to make the Interport XI three up. Fung King-cheung reduced the deficit before half-time.

In the second half Suen Kam-shun put Hong Kong ahead again, but Fung King-cheung and Omar replied for the Rest. Then Mc-Glinchey (Hong Kong) and Silva (the Rest) had a go and completed the scoring.

The Interport wings and halves were in form but the inside forwards did not give complete satisfaction. Clarke has done better in goal and Wynne looks for many risks against a steadily promising novice.

LOCAL BOXING.

EWIN & MORRIS TO MEET AT LAST.

BELT FIGHT ON FEB. 5.

Mr. J. Brook, the manager of the Hong Kong Boxing Association is to be congratulated on announcing that arrangements have been made for Able Seaman Ewin (the holder) and Stoker Norman Morris, both of H.M.S. "Hermes" to box for the middleweight championship of the Colony at their next tournament at the Theatre Royal on Feb. 5.

Ewin won the welterweight belt and then gave up the title as he could not make the weight. Morris is a welter, and at the middle limit, he may be giving away a few pounds.

Two First-Class Men.
Both are first-class boxers and have appeared on the best London programmes. Out here they both met Jim Cartridge (the lightweight champion) twice at catchweights. Ewin won both his fights on points. Morris won the first on points and then was disqualified in the 11th round of the return for persistent holding, after being at a disadvantage. The return in which Morris lost to Cartridge is the only fight either of the men has been beaten in during their stay here.

Well-Balanced Programme.
At any rate, a rattling contest is assured and local "fans" will be very eager to see it take place. Several well-known men are taking place in the preliminaries, as well as Stoker Jimmy Brit and Stoker Percy Lake. A few years ago, Brit knocked out Teddy Noel of Kowloon Dock in the first round for the featherweight championship of Hong Kong. Lake is a brother of Bugler Lake, a Home "main event" man and is a fine boxer himself.

How They Are Matched.
The excellent programme is:—
Main event, 15 rounds, middleweight championship of the Colony: Able Seaman Ewin (holder), H.M.S. "Hermes" v. Stoker Norman Morris, H.M.S. "Hermes".
10 rounds lightweight: Leading Seaman Tall, H.M.S. Titania v. Stoker Percy Lake, H.M.S. Durban.
6 round contests:—
welters: Stoker Reynolds, H.M.S. Submarine v. Stoker Evans, H.M.S. "Hermes"; Stoker Whittington, H.M.S. S/M "L-19" v. Leading Seaman Baker, H.M.S. "Hermes".
feathers: Harry Major v. Stoker Jimmy Brit, H.M.S. "Hermes".
lights: Pte. Hume, 2nd Batt King's Own Scottish Borderers v. Able Seaman Baker, H.M.S. "Hermes".

Philadelphia, Jan. 18. — Cambridge University will be represented in the relay races of the University of Pennsylvania here next spring, it was announced today. —"China Press."

The following team has been chosen to play for the Hong Kong C.C. 2nd XI v. Kowloon 2nd XI at Kowloon on Saturday at 2.15 p.m.:—P. Jacks, H. J. Armstrong, H. C. Burgess, G. P. Lammert, R. W. Lee, D. E. G. Nicholson, F. T. Orr, H. J. Stevenson, L. P. Ralph, J. A. Summers, C. D. Wales.

The following will represent the Hong Kong Cricket Club against the Rest of the League to be played on the Club ground on Saturday.—H. R. B. Hancock (captain), T. E. Pearce, A. W. Hayward, H. Owen Hughes, A. C. I. Bowker, Major L. J. Lightfoot, Capt. E. W. Morris, Capt. A. N. Evers, G. R. Vallack, Lieut.-Comdr. Beatty, Lieut. Sturgess.

The Hong Kong Football Club 1st XI v. Club de Recreio at Kings' Park on Saturday, kick-off at 4 p.m. in league I will be:—Rodger; Wallington, Bishop; Lyon Howard, McBride; Taylor, Alexander, Valentine, Hansom, Linnaker. Reserve: Gerrard.

Donald Shortland, the young Sheffield heavy-weight, in whom some people see the makings of a future champion of Great Britain, has quite a good idea of the boxing game, but it is really far too early to form any real opinion as to his possibilities. Shortland only reached the age of 16 last July, and already he stands nearly 6ft. 3in. and weighs 14st. It is quite likely, therefore, that he will grow considerably before reaching man's estate, and should such be the case, he may become too unwieldy to be a successful fighting man. At the moment, however, Shortland, who is nicely built and stands up straight when in action, must be regarded as a distinctly promising novice.

"SUNNING" VERDICT.

(Continued from Page 1.)

as pirates and disarm and intimidate officers and passengers they must have contemplated the possibility of such acts as followed.

And, with that so, every man shown to have been a member of the pirate party was liable to be convicted on the indictment. The next step was therefore to consider whether these prisoners were shown by evidence to have been members of the party and consideration must be made separately in respect of each of them.

"Only Common Sense."
All the prisoners were not in the same position as regarded evidence. Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 were found together in the No. 6 lifeboat which was used by persons escaping from the "Sunning." It was only common sense to say ("I am voicing my own view," said His Lordship, "it is for you to decide) that any person found in No. 6 boat might be inferred to have had something to do with the pirate party.

Unless they were able to give a satisfactory explanation of their presence there, their presence was enough to connect them with the pirate gang and these men had given no explanation of their presence on board.

With this evidence was coupled (in the cases of Nos. 1, 2, 4 and 5 with the fact that valuable belonging to passengers and (in the case of No. 2) a paper with the ship's records signed by the wireless operator, had been found on them. As regards No. 3 His Lordship had not been able to find anything of a similar nature in his notes.

Reinforcing Evidence.
If there was anything to reinforce this evidence drawn inferentially then it must be drawn from the evidence of passengers on board as to the movement of people they had identified. But this, it must be clearly understood was only supplementary evidence in respect of the men he had mentioned.

His Lordship then reviewed the evidence of Capt. Pringle, the Chinese consul, the cabin boys and others who identified certain prisoners on board and gave their movements allegedly in connection with the pirate gang.

After reviewing the evidence given by various witnesses called by the Crown, his Lordship pointed out that the 8th prisoner, when in the witness-box, had stated that No. 1 had visited his cabin (No. 16) bringing in a quantity of opium gear.

Non-entry Into Box.
Turning to the statement made by No. 1 when formally charged at the Police Station, the Judge said that the jury must bear in mind that that was the only evidence offered on his behalf. Neither at the Magistrate's nor in that Court had he elected to go into the witness-box. In his statement to the Police he had admitted taking part in the piracy, but had said that he did so under compulsion. It was for the jury to decide the issue, having due regard to the evidence of identification called by the Crown.

Referring to the 2nd prisoner, his Lordship, after reading the evidence of a number of witnesses who had identified the man, said that he had claimed to have been an officer under General Cheng Cheung-ming and had denied having even participated in the piracy. In his case also, the jury would have to bear in mind the fact that he had declined to give evidence on his own behalf.

With regard to No. 3, it was more important that the jury should carefully consider the evidence against him. The identification of Captain Pringle was always weak and not to be relied upon when it stood by itself.

His Lordship dealt in turn with Nos. 3, 4, 5 and 20.

Much In His Favour.
Referring to the 8th prisoner, his Lordship said that there was much in his favour. He had produced his passport and two respectable witnesses with regard to his character. A grave responsibility rested upon the jury, but if they had any reasonable doubt it was their duty to find in favour of the prisoner.

The jury then retired, and were absent from the Court for seven minutes.

The Court was crowded when the jury returned, not a murmur being heard when his Lordship resumed his seat upon the Bench. The jury found Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 20 "guilty" and No. 8 "not guilty."

Upon the application of Mr. Alabazier, No. 8 was discharged.

Sentence of Death.
His Lordship, who spoke in very subdued tones, addressed the remaining prisoners as follows:—"You six men have been convicted, and very truly convicted. Now there is no doubt that you were members of the pirate gang which captured this ship. Men-

bers of your gang fired upon the officers of the ship. They also used the Chief Officer and many of the passengers as a shield when attempting to re-take the bridge. They also set fire to the ship. I must say that I am in agreement with the verdict returned by the jury. It is therefore my duty to pass upon you six men the sentence required by the law."

The judge then passed sentence of death upon each of the six prisoners.

The 1st and 2nd prisoners attempted to argue as they were led away to the cells, but police officers took charge and prevented any interruption.

In thanking the jury for their service, his Lordship exempted them from further service for a period of three years.

Yesterday's Hearing.
Summing-up yesterday for the Crown, Mr. J. H. B. Nicholl reviewed the evidence against the seven prisoners and referred to the unanimity in identification as against 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 20. As regarded No. 8 he agreed with defending counsel as to the sifting of identification evidence with great care but was not a little surprised, he asked, that No. 8 was found in No. 6 boat and that his cabin had been used as a sort of headquarters for the pirate gang and that he should, if innocent, have been allowed to remain there and hear their secrets, also to examine the cargo register?

Counsel also referred to articles found on the other prisoners which had been taken from passengers and to the statements made by Nos. 2 and 20. The former said that his admission of complicity was forced from him. When it was remembered that the statement was made in the presence of two European police officers, one of whom was Capt. Bloxham, he did not think the jury would have much difficulty in weighing that allegation.

No. 20 was the man wounded on the bridge, who also had admitted complicity in the piracy. Whatever his condition after he had been hit on the head, he had shared with the other pirates in their intention to commit the unlawful acts.

Mr. Sheldon's Defence.
Mr. Sheldon, addressing the jury in regard to Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 20 prisoners, said that their defence being complete denial of the charge he did not intend to put them into the witness box. He contended that the evidence of identification was unreliable. The jury had heard how witnesses had picked out others as pirates and that it had been found there was not sufficient evidence of identification for a case to be put to the jury. Remembering the suddenness of the attack and the very real terror of the non-European passengers, was it to be wondered at that witnesses had made mistakes in identification? He asked the jury to consider evidence of identification, with the greatest care.

With regard to No. 2, who had been knocked senseless on the bridge, could it be contended, he asked, that this man had committed the acts on which all the men were charged—the firing of shots, the setting fire to the ship and the driving of passengers to act as a shield, when he had been unconscious during the whole of that period?

It was a very singular case. Seven men were charged with piracy with violence, and yet, with the exception of two of them, Nos. 1 and 5, who were stated to have been seen driving a crowd of passengers towards the bridge, there was no evidence whatever that any of them fired a shot, or set fire to the ship, or did any act which would endanger life. The jury would have to pause long before they could find men guilty without any direct evidence of crime against them.

Appeal to the Jury.

The evidence had been put before the jury fully and fairly by counsel for the Crown. When they retired, he asked them to weigh that evidence with unprejudiced and unbiased minds, without any thought at all of what they had heard outside the walls of the Court, and when they had done that then, if they could not as business men and as men of the world, come to the clear conclusion, that the Crown had proved beyond all reasonable doubt each and every allegation they had made, it was for them, not by their mercy, but by the right which was always in every prisoner, to acquit the prisoners.

GUNFIRE AT LOCUSTS.

London, Jan. 10. Bombay reports that heavy gunfire was directed at a swarm of locusts, twenty miles long and thirty yards wide, at Rajkot, but the swarm still continues widespread ravages.

ARTIST'S VISIT.

MISS HILDA GORDON'S FINE PAINTINGS.

INTERESTING EXHIBITION.

It may be said at the outset that Miss Hilda Gordon is an artist of distinction, and there can be few who visited her exhibition at Lane, Crawford's this morning who did not feel, and honestly feel, that by exhibiting her work in Hong Kong she has earned the gratitude of the art-loving community of the Colony.

Before passing to her work, however, there are one or two things that must be said, but we would emphasise that our criticism is in no way directed towards Miss Gordon's art which, indeed, unless for little, if any, criticism at all. Our observations are made in the most friendly of spirits, feeling that a little constructive criticism in this instance may do some good.

Secondly, Miss Gordon would be well advised to re-mount the majority of her pictures. With few exceptions, these delightful "water-colours" are marked by dirty and stained mountings. Of course, we all know that Miss Gordon has travelled extensively and that similar exhibitions have been held elsewhere. That, however, is no reason why good pictures when exhibited in Hong Kong should bear rubbed-out marks of prices in rupees, ticals, dollars and guilders.

To return to the pictures. We do not think we will be contradicted if we say that the consensus of opinion this morning was that Miss Gordon is at her best in character studies. Two pictures of Chinese women—"The Wadded Coat" and "A Piece of Old China"—are real masterpieces and when compared with one or two of her Indian exteriors, are most moderately priced. No words can adequately describe the artistry of her work as regards these two studies. They are far and away above anything we have seen exhibited in Hong Kong.

Then there are a number of other studies of Oriental women which call for special mention. "A Motherly Glance" and "A Tushli Pinsook of Loh" painted at Lucknow in Western India are also fine specimens of her work, whilst a delightfully original sketch of a Bali cock-fight attracted much attention.

With regard to her exteriors, perhaps this artist is happier when in India than in Java, although some of her work in the latter country is certainly of a very high order. Her broad, buxom scenes for instance, has rare colouring, but this as several other examples of her work of this type cannot be fully appreciated on account of the surroundings.

"Djakia Traffic" shows a typical bullock cart in which the cattle appear to be really on the move. A delightful study this.

One could continue at some considerable length, passing from a delightful glimpse of Sea View, Singapore, to the Cremation of the late King of Siam. To anyone requesting a general opinion of the exhibition, one would be inclined to reply, "Go see, 'tis a real treat."

TOWKAY MURDERED.

EXTRAORDINARY AFFAIR AT SINGAPORE.

BODY IN OPEN SPACE 4 DAYS.

An extraordinary affair is at present being investigated by the Singapore police one of the outstanding features of it being the fact that the body of a murdered man was allowed to remain on Raffles Reclamation ground, in front of Raffles Hotel and in the heart of a crowded quarter of the city, for four days before information was given to the police.

The body was of a well-dressed Chinese, evidently a towkay, and the dagger used by the murderers was still fast in the skull, driven through the eye, when it was found. The body was too decomposed to discover the other wounds, and the police are now awaiting the results of the post-mortem, but persons who saw the body earlier in the week state that there was a stab in the abdomen and other wounds.

The area in front of Raffles Hotel is so well patrolled, that it seems difficult to believe that the man was murdered there, and it is possible that the body was brought over from Tanjong Pagar in a sampan and dumped on this open space at night.

The body was lying near the waterfront, and might not be noticed by police patrols unless their attention was called to it. Beach Road is swarming with hawkers and their customers, however, while the reclamation ground is used every day for impromptu football, so that the failure to report to the police suggests that the natives who saw it were determined to let well alone.

BRITISH M.P.'S DEATH.

London, Jan. 10. Douglas Pielou, Conservative M.P. for the Stourbridge Division of Worcestershire, died at Dudley from pneumonia aged 49 years.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

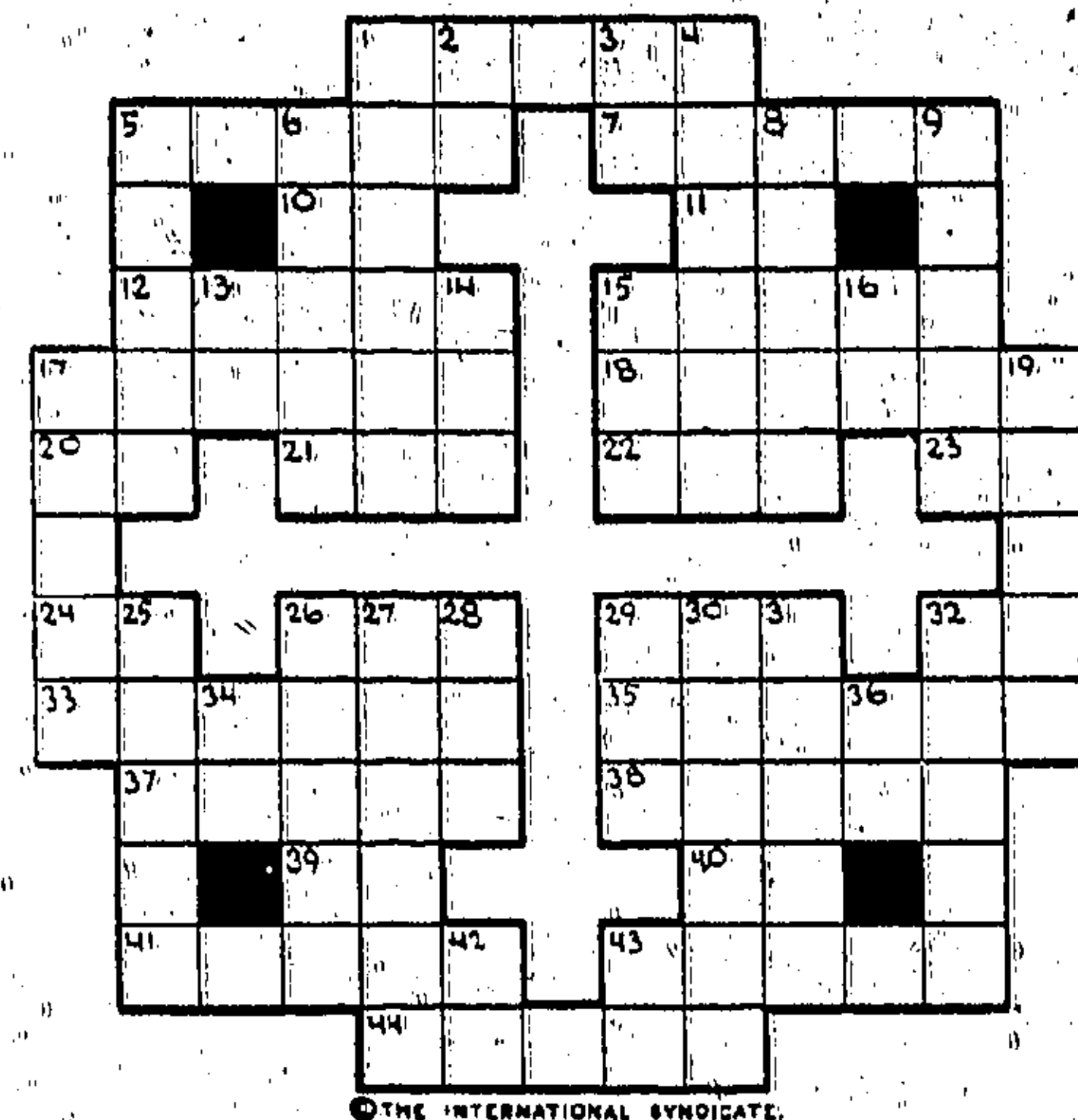
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HONGKONG, JANUARY 27, 1927, 10.30 a.m.

Names.	Hong Kong Stock Exchange.	Hong Kong Sharebrokers' Association.	Estate Brokers Share & Bond Society.
T.T. on London	2-	2/-	2/-
T.T. on Shanghai	79½	79 ¾	nom.
Banks.			
Hongkong Bank	119½ n	1190 b	1100 n
do. London.	1116 n	—	115½ n
Chartered Bank	121 n	121 n.	—
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	132 n	132 n.	—
do. C.	113½ n.	113½ n.	—
P. & O. Bank	209½ b	110 n.	—
Bank of East Asia	84 n	70 n	76 n
Marine Insurances.			
Canton Insurance	655 n	640b 660 s	650 b
China Underwriters	114 n	114 n	90 cts
North China Insurance	114 n	114 n	—
Union Insurance	285 s & sa	284 b	283 b
Yangtze Insurance	143 M. n	40 n.	—
Fire Insurances.			
China Fire Insurance	200 b	200 b	—
H.K. Fire Insurance	615 b	615 b.	615 b.
Shipping.			
Douglases	30 b	30 b	30 b
Hongkong Steamboats	24 s	24 s	24 s
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	1.10 n	1.10 n.	1.10 n.
Indo-Chinas (Pref.)	32 b	30 n.	30 n
do. (Def.)	42 b.	40 n.	40 s
Shell Transport	57½ b.	56½ b.	56½ n.
Star Ferries	57½ b.	57 b 58 s	57 b
Water-boats	15 b	15 b	15½ b
Refineries.			
China Sugars	21 b 22 s	20½ b 21½ s	20½ b
Malayan Sugars	36 n	35 s	36 n.
Mining.			
Benguet	1.30 n	—	—
Kallian Mining Ad.	38½ n	42½ n.	40½ n
Langkats (Combined)	125 n	125 n.	125 n
do. (Single)	125 n	125 n.	—
Shanghai Exploration	125 n	125 n.	—
Shanghai Loan	125 n	125 n.	—
Raub	45 n	3.40 b	3½ n.
Tronoh Mines	21½ n	21½ b	—
Ural Caspians	8½ n	—	—
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & K. Wharves	107½ b 111 s	110 b	110 s
H.K. & W. Docks	40 n	40 b 41 s	40 n
Hongkew	1165 n	1165 n	1165 n
New Engineerings	15 n	6 s	6 n
Shanghai Docks	1105 n	1105 n.	1105 n.
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels	7.10 b	7.10 b 7.20 sa	7.20 b
Hongkong Land	50½ b	56 b & sa	5½ b
Hongkong Realty	6 n	6 s	6 s
H.K. Territorial	2½ s.	3 s.	3 s
Humphreys Estates	14 s	13½ s	13½ b
Prince's Building	80 n	87 s.	—
Rural Lands	1½ n	—	—
Cotton Mills.			
Ewo Cottons	10 n	8½ n	8½ s
Oriental	2½ n	2.60 n	2½ s
Shanghai Cottons (old)	7½ n	54 n	54 n.
do. (new)	7½ n	28 n	28 n.
Miscellaneous.			
Canton Ice	5 n.	4 s	5 n
Cements (comb.)	5 n	7.90 n	7½ s
do. (old)	7½ n	7½ n	6 s
do. (new)	7½ n	7½ n	13½ s
China Buses	9½ b	14 n	14 b
China Lights (comb.)	14½ b 14½ sa	14 b	14 b
do. (old)	11 n	10½ b	10½ b
do. (new)	7½ b	8 b	8 b
China Prov.	4½ s 4 sa	4 b & sa	4 sa
Dairy Farms	18½ n	17 b	17 s
Der A. Wing	6 n	5 s	6 n
Hongkong Amusements	16½ b	16½ b	16 b
H.K. Constructions	2 b	2.20 b	2½ b
Hongkong Electric	57½ b 58 sa	58 b	57½ n
H.K. Ropes (old)	10 n	10 s	9½ s
do. (new)	5 n	5 s	5 n
Hongkong Tramways	2½ b	2½ b 2½ sa	2½ b
Lane, Crawford	8 n	7 s	7 s
Macao Electric	35 n	—	—
Mackintosh	10½ n.	—	—
Nanyang Tobaccos	—	9½ b	—
Peak Trams (old)	15½ b	15 b	15 b
do. (new)	7½ n	8 n	7½ s
Sinceres	9½ s	9.10 b	9 n
Singapore Trams	13½ s	10½ s	11½ s
Taxis	1 n	70 c	75 Cts s
United Asbestos	—	600 n	—
do. (Founders)	—	600 n	—
do. (Ordinary)	20 n	12 n.	12 n
Watsons	12 b	12½ b	12½ b
Wm. Powells	6½ n	5 b	5 n
H.K. Telephones	3½ b 3½ s	3½ b	3.40 s

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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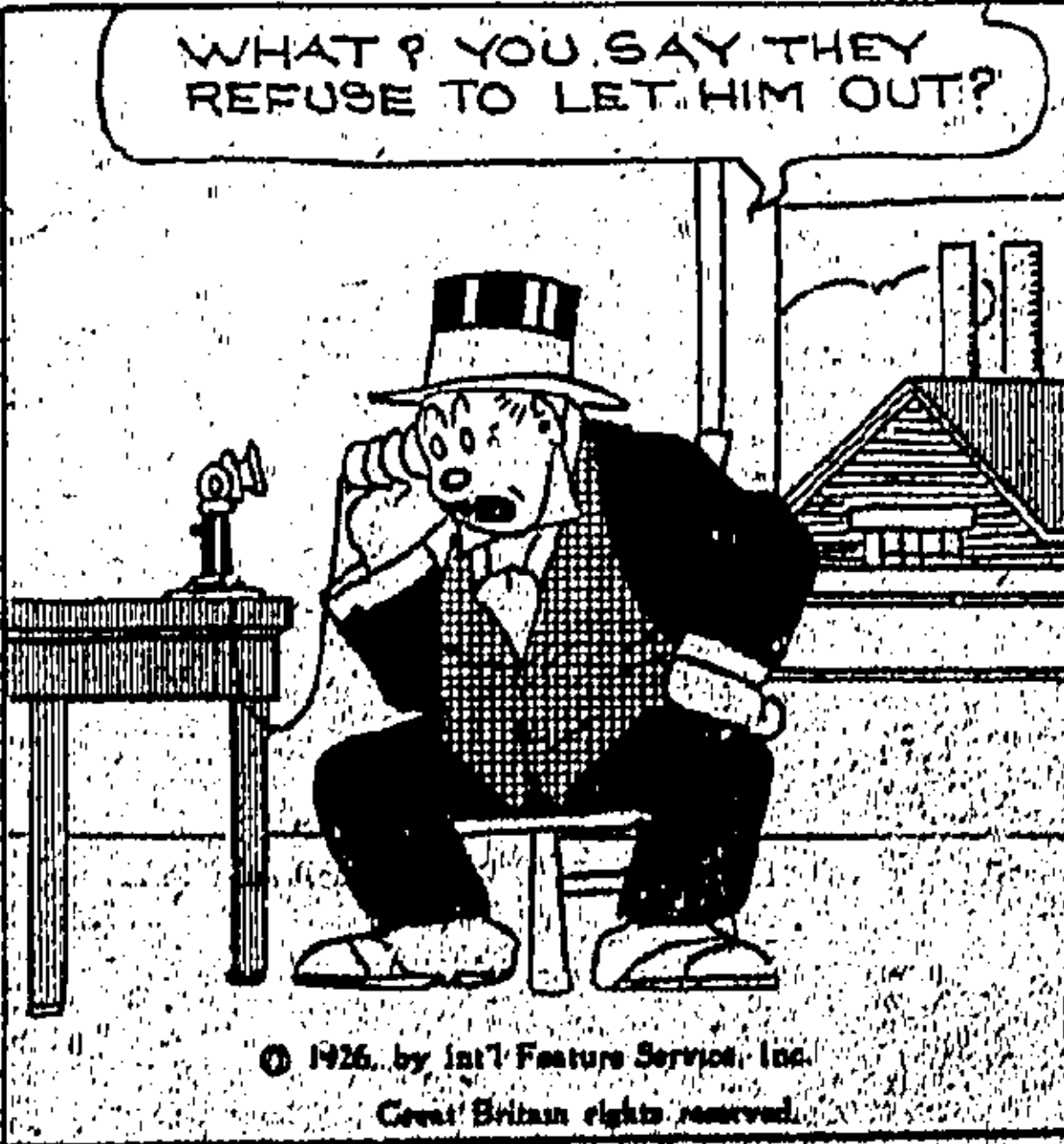
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The firm will shortly issue powerful "Chinese" Secret Society novel, "The Jade Rabbit," Adele Blood and Tam Marriot with five illustrations in colour. Charles Fouquier, the well-known French artist, who lived for many years in China, and intend following this up with the publication of other novels, general literature and children's books.

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THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

During one week five cases of small-pox and one of sleepy sickness occurred in Sheffield.

A Massachusetts "Willow Tree" three-pence, 1852, realised £305 at Messrs. Sotheby's.

Southend-on-Sea Corporation are awarding a medal to all employees who have saved life since 1918.

Mrs. Arnold, a widow, of Bedford Avenue, Barnet, Hertfordshire, has celebrated her 103rd birthday.

It is feared that an outbreak of cattle plague on the Syrian Transjordanian frontier may spread to Palestine.

Birmingham City Council are to consider the purchase of the Bingley Hall, site in connection with Birmingham civic centre.

Sheffield Education Committee decided to spend nearly £775,000 within the next three years on the provision of 17 new schools.

The man found in a gas-filled room at a hotel in Peterborough has been identified as Thomas Arthur Pickett, an accountant, of Highbury Place, London, N.

The Queen has sent a box of toys for the Princess Mary Village Homes, Addlestone, Surrey, where she has an adopted girl for whom she pays at the rate of 1s. weekly.

Ruben Vaughan (73), a night watchman, of Old Parish Street, Lambeth, was found unconscious at works near Battersea Bridge, suffering from the effects of coke fumes.

While cleaning a conduit at Cheyne Walk, Chelsea, John Walter White (53), an L.C.C. employee, of Trinity Square, Brixton, was knocked down and killed by a motor car.

An elderly man, named Horace Baylis, was found dead in an empty bath at a Brighton boarding-house. Letters in the room bore the address "Bier Terrace, West Bay, Dorset."

Banknotes worth \$570 were stolen in daylight from a Brussels office, a clerk found unconscious on the floor stating that he had been attacked by an unknown man.

William Arthur Hallows, aged 33, a Manchester tramway-car driver, sentenced to death for the murder of Kathleen Primrose Wheelton, his partner in a suicide pact, has been reprieved.

Mr. Joseph Buckmaster, for 50 years relieving officer at Farnborough, Hampshire, and one of the county's oldest church organists, died at Cove, Hampshire, aged 80.

Queen Mary sent as a Christmas gift a writing case in red leather to Florence Mallett, her protégée under the adoption scheme at the Princess Mary Village Homes, Addlestone, Surrey.



Pioneer Guide of the Rockies

Proof that the hunting grounds of the Canadian Rockies are among the finest in the world was supplied recently by Tom E. Wilson, famous mountain guide of Banff, during his first visit to Montreal since 1903. Mr. Wilson stated that hunting today is better than it was 40 years ago.

Mr. Wilson enjoys the unique distinction of having a statue or plaque erected to him during his lifetime. In the place he discovered 44 years ago, Yoho Valley. He was also the first white man to discover Lake Louise, which the Indians called the Lake of the Little Fishes. He named it Emerald Lake, the name being changed some time later and called after Princess Louise, wife of the Marquis of Lorne, governor-general at that time.

"Tom Wilson has earned the title 'The Dean of the Guides of the Rocky Mountains.' The photo shows Mr. Wilson and Mrs. Walcott, wife of the President of the Smithsonian Institute, beside the statue erected by the Trail Riders of the Canadian Rockies.

Brighton Council have decided not to accept a recommendation to increase electricity charges by 25 per cent. to meet the year's loss of £20,000 on the electricity undertaking.

As Deptford children cannot do their homework in comfort owing to local housing conditions, a "quiet-room" has been opened for them in the evenings at Greek Road L.C.C. School.

The Rev. Frederick O. T. Hawkes, Rector of Lambeth, who has been appointed Suffragan Bishop of Kingston-on-Thames, hopes to take up the duties of his new office early in February.

Damage amounting to £10,000 was caused by a fire at the premises of Messrs. J. Eakings and Co., hat manufacturers, and Messrs. John Copp and Co., hat materials merchants, of Luton.

Letting the Hair Grow, or Keeping It Shingled.



There are now so many ways to wear the hair, whether it be long or short, that there are no good reasons why each person should not suit her features and wear her hair in a becoming coiffure. It is not necessary to shingle the hair to retain chic. The hair which is worn long and is dressed with individuality exerts an equal amount of charm.

In fact, Corinne Griffith, who is seen wearing her hair long in her latest First National film, "The Lady in Ermine," has about concluded that long hair lends greater distinction and has let her hair grow to prove it.

It is no longer necessary to wear the hair long with an unwhimsical knot either atop the head or at the back of the head. There are all sorts of ways of dressing the hair to take care of long tresses in a distinctive and becoming manner. For the type of face that needs simplicity of coiffure, the hair, drawn plainly back, parted in the centre or combed back, and showing the ears with a soft elegance at the nape of the neck lends both distinction and an unusual head-dress.

Perhaps the vogue for shingling the hair so that ears were seen in all their glory, or in all their unsightliness, proved the reason for introducing a long haired vogue. Ropes of braid worn about the head have come into their own again along with long tresses. A softly curled knot at the side with an unusual parting is another effective means of wearing the hair long.

The hair need not be worn extremely long, but be just long enough to permit a soft knot and a simple coiffure which distinctly softens the features and general contour of the face.

However, Paris assumes that short hair is here to stay, and has arranged many new and interesting coiffures in closely cropped shingles. The ears may or may not be seen according to the individual taste.

brushed back, is a new and interesting hair cut which fits certain personalities. The hair that is cut so short that it offers no softening frame to the face is frequently suited to the statuesque type of beauty who can afford to throw into relief her strong features.

The sleek severity used by so many of the modern women is found unsuited to smaller features which find a mass of soft curls a becoming halo around the face and lend a distinctive silhouette to the head.

A new and strikingly individual coiffure is achieved by a very short, cropped hair worn slightly longer on one side and brushed back over the ears, giving a Chinese effect.

The very slim and youthful type, who wears her clothes in straight lines, finds the medieval page boy hair cut a delightfully different coiffure. The points in front and in back in this hair-cut are worn slightly accentuated. The boyishly cropped hair in back, with a softly feminine front with deep waves framing the face is a type of coiffure that should, and does, prove decidedly popular.

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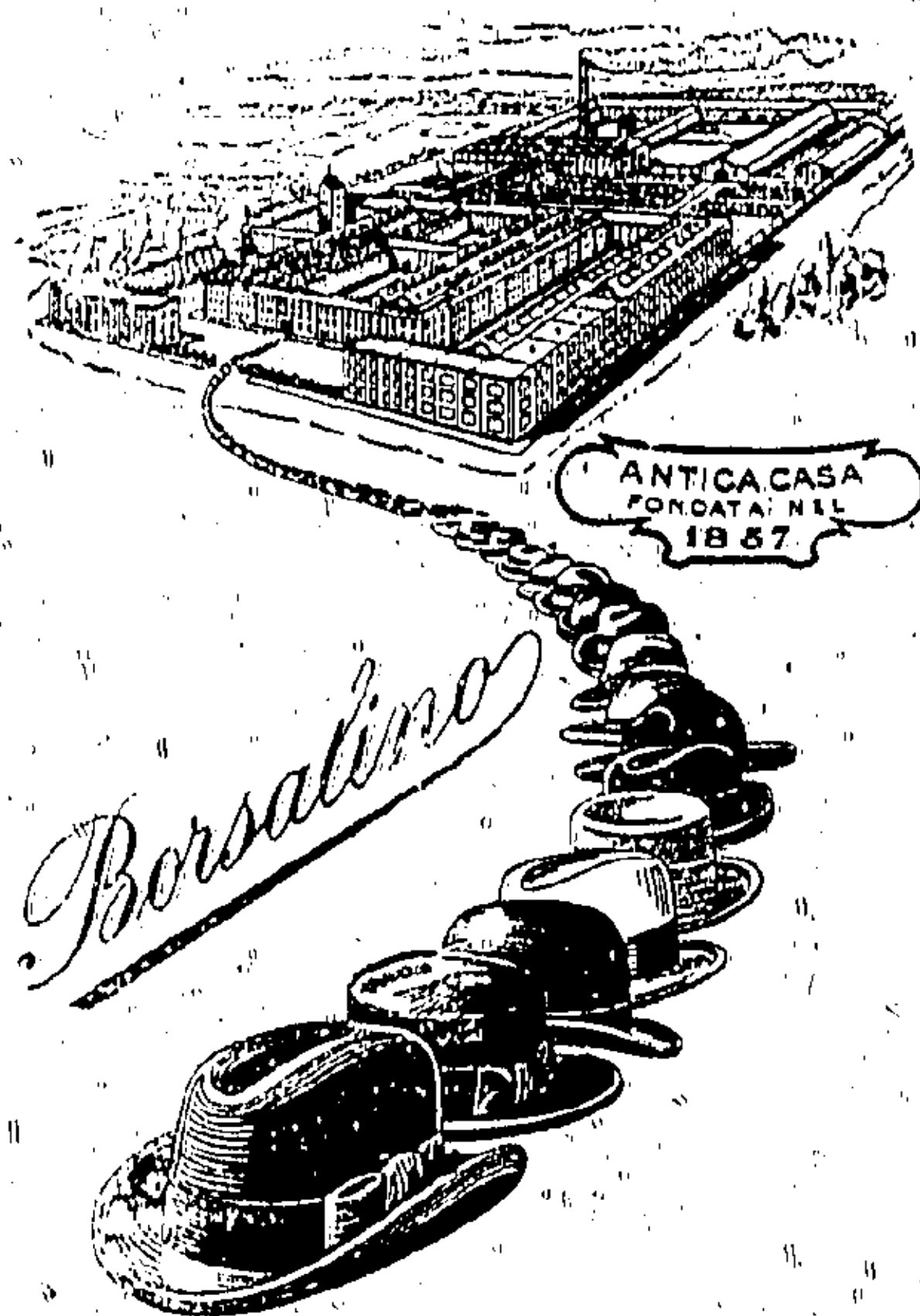
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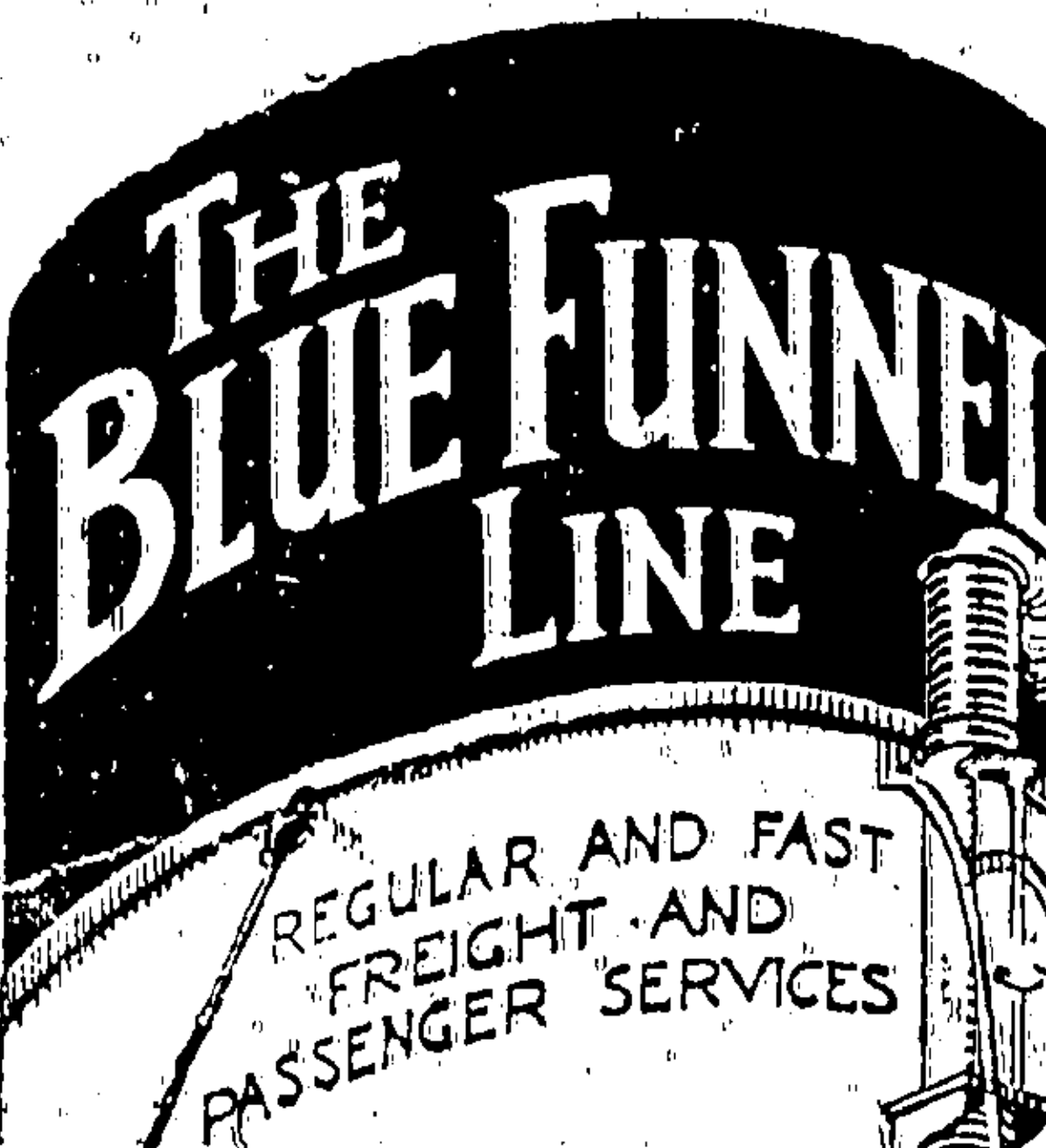
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4		Tanda.
Shanghai		
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7		
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THURSDAY, JANUARY 27.		
Manila	President Jackson	3.30 p.m.
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Pakhoi	Kitano Maru	5 p.m.
	Jade	5 p.m.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 28.		
Manila	Gemma	10.30 a.m.
Bangkok	Chaksang	10.30 a.m.
Fort Pagara	Wing Wo	11 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Poonchow	Haining	1 p.m.
Manila, Sandakan, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island 12th Feb. Parcels noon. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.		
Banrakok	Arafura	
Amoy & Japan	Minghao	5 p.m.
	Talma	5 p.m.
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	Wai Shing	5 p.m.
SUNDAY, JANUARY 30.		
Swatow, Amoy & Poonchow	Hoan Maru	8.30 a.m.
Swatow & Bangkok	Kwanchow	9 a.m.

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HONG KONG LANDS.

Board Congratulated At Meeting.

SIR P. CHARTER'S RIGHTS.

Praise was extended to the board and management at the annual meeting (held to-day at Messrs. Jardine's board room) of the Hong Kong Land Investment & Agency Co. Ltd. Mr. J. H. Taggart referred to the services of the late Sir Paul Charter to Hong Kong and the chairman spoke about the mention in Sir Paul's will as to the succession to his position as one of the permanent managing directors of the company. The late Sir Paul, it will be recalled, nominated one or two persons including Sir Robert Ho Tung but legal opinion is that the course laid down in the will cannot be adopted.

The dividend of \$2 was passed unanimously and warrants can be had at the office to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard presided, supported by Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. A. H. Compton, Mr. H. P. White and Mr. A. S. Gubbay (directors) and Mr. L. S. Greenhill (secretary).

Shareholders present comprised Messrs.:—J. H. Taggart, W. J. Hawker, W. E. L. Shenton, D. V. Stevenson, P. S. Cassidy, F. Austin, J. T. Bagram, J. M. Alves, L. G. S. Dodwell, A. McKirdy, J. D. Kinnaird, B. C. Randall, O. Kitchell, C. Sayard, Remedios, O. F. Ribeiro, A. H. Potts, Li Sui-wing, Lau Hi-nam, F. M. Crawford, R. Melville Smith.

Chairman's Speech. After the secretary had read the convening notice and the customary introduction, the chairman said:—

It is with the deepest regret that we have to record the death of the late Sir P. Charter last May. Sir Paul had been a permanent managing director of this company since it was formed in 1889. It was largely his foresight and business acumen in connection with property matters that brought the company to its present state of prosperity. During his very long residence he devoted a great deal of time and thought to the development of the Colony and acquired a knowledge of property values that was quite unrivalled. It was my good fortune to be closely associated with Sir Paul for several years in connection with the company's affairs and it was always a marvel to me how he could carry in his head such a wealth of information about property dealings covering a long period of years. His death is a very great loss to the company.

Sir Paul's Will. Under the first clause in the Memorandum of Association Sir Paul had certain rights in regard to the appointment of a "Permanent Managing Director" to succeed him. He endeavoured to exercise these rights in his Will but we have been advised that the appointments he had made were not legal and the matter is now under consideration.

You will notice in the balance sheet "Managing Director's fees, in Suspense" \$21,846.26. This represents a portion of the year's fees to which Sir Paul was entitled calculated up to the date of his death. Our lawyers state that under the wording of Clause 95 (b) of the Articles of Association the commission is only payable in respect of a completed year, and as Sir Paul died in May his estate is not entitled to receive anything for 1926. This matter is receiving the attention of your directors and meantime the amount in question is carried in suspense.

Interest on Mortgages. Accounts Receivable was \$100,000 higher on December 31, 1926, than at the same date in the previous year. This is principally due to interest on a large mortgage not having been paid for a long time but the advance is well covered and your directors do not anticipate any loss. Negotiations are proceeding with the owners of the property with a view to an early settlement. Interest on mortgages amounting to \$39,716.48 has been put to Suspense Account and not taken

PAST THE PEAK?

HOME INFLUENZA WAVE DECREASES.

Rugby, Jan. 26.

According to figures issued by the Ministry of Health, 667 persons died of influenza last week in 105 great towns of this country.

This total is compared with 463 the previous week, and 244 the week before that.

The epidemic is more widespread than any other of recent years.

The wintry weather conditions of last week have given way to milder weather, and it is hoped that the epidemic has now passed its peak.—British Wireless Service.

LODGERS QUARREL.

Charged with assaulting a fellow lodger following an altercation over the candle-power of an electric light bulb which, he alleged, interfered with his slumber, a Chinese pleaded "not guilty" when arraigned before Mr. Lindsell at the Central Magistrate's court this morning. His Worship remanded the case until Tuesday, allowing bail in \$50.

into Profit and Loss Account as there appears to be likelihood of our being able to recover it. These mortgages were on property we had sold and had allowed a proportion of the purchase money to be left on mortgage. Except for this we expect to be able to recover all interest due.

The Accounts.

Considering the great amount of property sold in the last few years at good prices and the large sums still on mortgage in respect of these sales, I think we have been fortunate in weathering the difficulties of the last eighteen months so well.

The amount available for appropriation including \$848,140.53 brought forward from the previous year is \$1,383,991.82 after allowing for the interim dividend already paid. Your directors recommend a final dividend of \$2 per share—the same as last year—absorbing \$180,000, bonus to staff \$8,000 and the balance amounting to \$895,991.82 to be carried forward.

I do not think there are any other matters that call for explanation and I now beg to propose the adoption of the report and statement of accounts as presented and when this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions which shareholders may wish to ask.

Mr. Taggart's Tribute.

In rising to second, Mr. J. H. Taggart said: "I feel confident that I am voicing the opinion of all present in sharing your most eulogistic remarks in regard to the late Sir Paul Charter. He has proved a veritable bulwark to the Colony. This company has reaped great benefit from his advice and from the attention he devoted to our land dealings. 'I am sure it is the general opinion that he had a knowledge of land to a greater extent, possibly, than any other man in the Colony.'

"Excellent Results."

"Turning to the accounts, I think I am right in stating that the excellent results shown reflect great credit on the management of the company, more especially in view of the disturbing times through which we have passed. The board is to be congratulated on such excellent figures." "With these remarks," said Mr. Taggart, "I have much pleasure in seconding the adoption of the report and accounts and the appropriation" (as given in the chairman's speech and which Mr. Taggart read in detail).

Other Business.

No question was put and the motion was carried unanimously after the chairman had thanked Mr. Taggart for his speech.

Other business transacted at the meeting comprised:—

Re-election of Mr. A. S. Gubbay and Mr. H. P. White as directors—proposed by Mr. F. Austin, seconded by Mr. P. S. Cassidy. Re-election of Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming and Messrs. Linstead & Davis as auditors, at a remuneration each of \$750 for the current year—proposed by Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, seconded by Mr. J. T. Bagram.

BRITISH BRAINS.

A TRIBUTE TO OUR NAVAL ARCHITECTS.

Rugby, Jan. 26.

The British firm of Thornycroft have been commissioned to supply designs for two new torpedo boat destroyers to be constructed in Italy for the Roumanian Government.

British naval architecture is thus preferred for this highly specialised type of naval vessel, although the actual constructional work has not to come to this country.—British Wireless Service.

BIGGER RANGE.

TRANS-ATLANTIC TELEPHONY EXTENDED.

Rugby, Jan. 26.

The Postmaster General announces that a further extension of the Trans-Atlantic telephone service will take place next Saturday, when the service will be available to and from all places in England and Wales.

Simultaneously the service will be extended in America to include the States of New Jersey and Pennsylvania, in addition to the States already admitted to the service.—British Wireless Service.

DR. MARX'S SUCCESS.

PROMISES FROM NATIONAL LEADERS.

Berlin, Jan. 26.

A very noteworthy feature of Dr. Marx's Cabinet-making, which has now been concluded, consists of the extraction of promises from National leaders who are ardent Monarchists to support a Republican policy and to uphold Dr. Stresemann's policy of conciliation and recognise the treaty of Locarno and even acknowledge the necessity of reorganising the Reichswehr so as to exclude the anti-Republican elements.—Reuter.

RUBBER SHARES.

CABLED QUOTATIONS FROM SINGAPORE.

PRICE OF RAW MATERIAL.

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Singapore, Jan. 7.

The price of raw rubber is now quoted at 66½ cents per lb. Quotations follow:—

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TWO MONTHS AFTER.

"You were convicted for precisely the same offence only two months ago," said Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistrate's court this morning to a Chinese charged with cutting young fir saplings from the hill side at Stanley. His Worship imposed a fine of \$50 with the alternative of six weeks' hard labour.

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